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ABSTRACT

The guide is intended for teachers of profoundly retarded and severely multiply handicapped children in California. It suggests relevant methodologies and media for such children as well as sample curricula for use in Development Centers for Handicapped Minors and state and private institutions. The major portion of the document consists of instructional plans which provide examples of activities and programs in specific curriculum areas and which are intended as guides to curriculum planning. Major areas covered are ambulation, stimulation, communication, self help skills, imitation, and behavior problems (self destructive behavior, aggression, and blindness). Each instructional plan states objectives, prerequisites, instructional methods, and learning activities, and is followed by a critical commentary identifying strong points and difficulties perceived in the plan. A final section discusses theoretical considerations involved in a philosophy of curriculum planning for Development Centers. (KW)

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FOR

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education has the opportunity to provide an educational and training opportunity for California who teach profoundly retarded students. The Santa Cruz Development Center program is a model for exceptional children. The establishment of this program is a concern of this community for meeting the needs of this strong commitment that the county has made. The allocation for ESEA Title VI funds to conduct the program is an institutes.

FOREWORD

Santa Cruz County Board of Education and I take pride in having an opportunity to provide an educational and training program for teachers throughout the county to teach profoundly retarded and severely multi-handicapped children. The Development Center program is an important addition to our services for all children. The establishment of this program reflects the deep commitment of this community for meeting the needs of the handicapped. It was because of this commitment that the county Board of Education approved our application for Title VI funds to conduct three training and curriculum development

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PREFACE

preparation and publication of this Guide represents the dedication and of hundreds of people. As a professional group, those who serve the some undly retarded and severely multi-handicapped children in our Development well as in state hospitals and private institutions, are very unique. very hard day and endure a long year. By their own admission, they serve child--for they serve the most severely mentally, behaviorally, and physically

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t year (1970), the D.C.H.M. program was shifted from the State Department n's Bureau of Mentally Exceptional Children to the Bureau of Physically Children, in recognition of the fact that some D.C.H.M. children may they do because of a physical impairment rather than a mental deficiency. dy of the needs of the severely emotionally disturbed children in one of ospitals, Assemblyman Frank Lanterman introduced legislation calling for shment of four pilot programs to serve what he referred to as the "mentally child. What is most significant is that he identified in his bill the elopment Centers as being best suited to serve this potentially large of children.

State Advisory Board for D.C.H.M. programs requested, and received the of the State Department of Mental Hygiene and the State Department of n conducting a cooperative research project aimed at identifying those characteristics which identify a potential for each child's growth and in a D.C.H.M. program. This study, when completed in 1971, will include n in State Hospitals for the profoundly retarded, as well as over 350 rolled in D.C.H.M. programs.

In September 1970, the Santa Cruz County Office received a Title VI-B Federal grant to develop a system of organizational characteristics of all handicapped children, delivery a system for accountability and organizational study by the prime contractor for this project, the profoundly retarded and the severely multi-handicapped which relates to this population will be published.

Looking ahead, one can expect to see an improvement of those behavioral characteristics which best describe profit by enrollment in D.C.H.M. programs. We can develop diagnostic instruments and techniques. Instruction will be more clearly defined and individualized. We can for the most effective distribution of funds, for administrative accountability. Finally, we can look forward to funding priorities based upon a prescribed assessment of the Education Code and California Administrative Code, the appropriate goals and objectives for the D.C.H.M.

RICHARD L. BROWN
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1 V.O.R.T. stands for Values, Objectives, Resources

September 1970, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education was awarded a federal grant to develop a system of organization and service for exceptional children. This will be a three-year project aimed at identifying the behavioral characteristics of all handicapped children, and then developing for service a system for accountability and organization. The population now under prime contractor for this project, the V.O.R.T. Corporation¹, includes severely retarded and the severely multi-handicapped. The project document as to this population will be published in October of this year (1971).

Looking ahead, one can expect to see an improvement in the identification of behavioral characteristics which best describe children who need and can benefit from enrollment in D.C.H.M. programs. We can also expect to discover improved instruments and techniques. Instructional methodologies or strategies will be clearly defined and individualized. There will be established systems for an effective distribution of funds, for staff performance and administrative accountability. Finally, we can look forward to a comprehensive reordering of priorities based upon a prescribed assessment of needs and the restructuring of the Education Code and California Administrative Code, Title 5, to effectuate goals and objectives for the D.C.H.M. child.

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SECTION I.

INTRODUCTION

A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR D.C.H.M.

The third Santa Cruz Curriculum Development Institute for Handicapped Minors (D.C.H.M.) Programs was held in 1968 to provide an opportunity for the participants of the 1968 and the 1969 Curriculum Development Institute to revise the curriculum for the profoundly retarded and severely multi-handicapped to the California State Department of Education, Bureau of the Handicapped. This document is the product of that institute, containing relevant methodologies and media for the profoundly retarded as well as sample curricula for use in development centers and private institutions.

Responsibilities of the Participants

Most of the institute participants were enrolled in the program for five days contributed to the production of a conference report, questionnaire data, participants were assigned to one of four task forces of curriculum development.¹ (Each group contained approximately 10-12 people, at least one of these people had experience in applying a program to the Peabody Language Development Kit to a Development Center. One participant explained the program to the group and demonstrated it to the other members of the group had experience or even prior knowledge of the program they had at least registered interest in that area of curriculum development.)

Within each week four task forces covered at least one additional program. Preference was given to standardized programs, the Language Development Kit and to programs, though unstandardized, which training need not be covered by an available standardized program, given to unstandardized programs of special interest.

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- 1 A fifth task force area dealing with operant conditioning, "tailored" behavioral programs operated over the full range of the program.
 - 2 A few individuals were invited to make video taped demonstrations of techniques not covered in Task Forces.

A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR D.C.H.M. PROGRAMS

Santa Cruz Curriculum Development Institute for Development Centers Minors (D.C.H.M.) Programs was held in July, 1970. Its purpose was to provide an opportunity for the participants of the 1968 Behavior Modification Institute Curriculum Development Institute to revise the 1969 Course of Study for the profoundly retarded and severely multi-handicapped and to present a final document to the State Department of Education, Bureau of Educational Improvement for review. This document is the product of that 1970 conference. It includes recommendations for technologies and media for the profoundly retarded and multi-handicapped as well as curricula for use in development centers as well as in state hospitals and institutions.

Background of the Participants

The institute participants were enrolled for one week and within these two weeks participated in the production of a conference report. On the basis of questionnaires, participants were assigned to one of four task forces oriented to areas of curriculum development.¹ (Each group contained approximately 15 participants.) At the institute, some people had experience in applying a specific program, for example, the Peabody Image Development Kit to a Development Center (D.C.) class. This teacher presented the program to the group and demonstrated it for video taping.² Not all members had experience or even prior knowledge of the specific program. But all had a registered interest in that area of curriculum development.

Each week four task forces covered at least one and, as time permitted, two programs. Preference was given to standardized programs such as the Peabody Image Development Kit and to programs, though unstandardized, which met a critical criterion: not covered by an available standardized program. Consideration was also given to unstandardized programs of special interest.

One task force area dealing with operant conditioning and the development of behavioral programs operated over the full two weeks. Participants were invited to make video taped demonstrations of special interest not covered in Task Forces.

The conference drew unique information available in no other "curriculum guide," combined with their personal experiences in applying practical experience and wisdom were sought. Information from those having practical and meaningful experience at the instructional level, even though the conference was unique in terms of its theoretical frame of reference. Considerations - "A Philosophy of Curriculum Development"

Contributions at the classroom level

1. A brief description of the program, its requirements and purchase price.
2. Training and educational background of the volunteer householder, e.g., could a volunteer householder apply it with little or no help from forward written instructions?
3. Answers to the questions:
 - a. Has the program proven effective with various populations?
 - b. How has it proven of value? (Descriptions of characteristics of the population, level and physical handicaps.)
 - c. By what standards has the program been evaluated? (form of objective index of improvement measured with which are preferred, subjective evaluations are useful.)
4. Any adaptations of a standard program extended its applicability to a level for the intellectual disabled? (be provided with preparatory adaptations may have been developed, e.g., materials with increased sighted.)

conference drew unique information from participants--information no other "curriculum guide," catalog, or text. This information dealt with personal experiences in applying curricula to D.C.H.M. populations. Practical experience and wisdom were sought. In so doing, useful information was gained from having practical and meaningful experience. They were able to contribute at the instructional level, even though they could not meaningfully discuss a technical frame of its theoretical frame of reference (see Section IV - Theoretical Foundations - "A Philosophy of Curriculum Planning").

Contributions at the classroom level included the following:

A brief description of the program, including materials, time requirements and purchase price.

Training and educational background requisite to using the program, e.g., could a volunteer housewife with only a grade school education apply it with little or no help other than that provided by straight forward written instructions?

Answers to the questions:

- a. Has the program proven of educational value with what D.C.H.M. populations?
- b. How has it proven of value and with what specific groups?
(Descriptions of characteristics of students including IQ level and physical handicaps)
- c. By what standards has this value been appraised? (While some form of objective index such as standardized tests or behavioral improvement measured within an operant conditioning framework are preferred, subjective or quasi-objective evidence can be useful.)

Any adaptations of a standard program, e.g., the Peabody, that have extended its applicability to D.C.s. A program that starts at too high a level for the intellectual level of a D. C.'s general population, may be provided with preparatory steps that make it eventually useful. Or adaptations may have been developed for specific handicapping conditions, e.g., materials with increased vividness and contrast for the partially sighted.

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 - c. Training films are a
 - d. It is an operant con
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 - e. Training is on a one
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on their final presentation. The lead
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continuous access to Dr. Thomas Ball,
consultation and advice.

The curriculum units in Section
reports of these task forces.

5. Descriptions of how the program was developed and evaluated. For example, the Peabody Language Development Kit underwent revisions on the basis of field tests. Its validity was tested with the ITPA as an "independent" criterion of improvement.
6. Of necessity, an individual task force could cover only one or two training programs in depth. To fill in the gaps for its curriculum area, the task force provided references to other standardized and unstandardized programs not covered during the group's discussions. Sufficient details were provided on these programs to permit a person completely unfamiliar with them to make a judgment regarding their potential usefulness for his own D.C. group. For example, the following points could be made regarding Lovaas' speech program:
 - a. It is applicable to young, school-age autistic children who have never spoken;
 - b. Training beyond that provided in a manual is required;
 - c. Training films are available;
 - d. It is an operant conditioning type program which typically utilized food reinforcement;
 - e. Training is on a one to one basis, etc.
7. Revision of the program, in terms of the eight questions outlined in "A Philosophy of Curriculum Planning." (See Section IV.)

Following the conference each Task Force leader and the task force participants, especially the volunteer demonstrating the technique, prepared a report based on the final presentation. The leaders were given the opportunity to tape record the discussions for later reference in developing these reports and had access to Dr. Thomas Ball, Mrs. Eve Pecchenino and Mr. Robert Mathew for consultation and advice.

The curriculum units in Section II are the product of the efforts and of these task forces.

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SECTION II.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLANS

Since the goal of the institute was to produce a guide to curriculum planning for profoundly retarded and severely multi-handicapped children enrolled in Developmental centers as well as in state hospitals and private institutions, this section provides an entry point for anyone faced with the responsibility of planning developing educational activities. This guide should serve as a practical reference providing examples of activities and programs within specific areas. For example, "content" may be defined as one relevant area that must be "covered." This curriculum should provide information regarding the appropriateness of programs and within programs according to the pupil's degree of intellectual and physical ability and an appraisal of the program's effectiveness. Once he has "covered" the major content areas, the teacher may feel prepared to meet the educational needs of his pupils. And he is probably correct. Reasonably good programs are usually developed on this basis.

In this section will be reproduced several of the instructional plans developed by conference participants, all of whom worked in small task forces. The plans have been edited only minimally. For this reason, they contain some minor interpretation relative to the application of the classification system. In view of the fact that the participants attended the conference for only a short time and in this brief period were required to attend lectures, develop a teaching plan, provide a demonstration of the program for video taping, and then produce a report, the results are remarkably good and a real credit to everyone involved.

Leaving the participants' contributions in their original form provides a valuable opportunity to look at what evolves when teachers take some guidelines and adapt them to their own material. By reviewing these documents, some important insights into the thought processes and judgments of the teachers themselves can be gained. The original "clinical" document is much to be preferred to a version made perfectly correct by subsequent editing. For various reasons, especially the fact that some plans overlapped or nearly duplicated others, not all of them are reproduced.

In the comments that follow each plan, an attempt is made to highlight some strong points and also some of the difficulties perceived in each. Where a problem occurs, it is performed in the service of understanding and with due respect for the creative work to be found in each contribution, whether published or unpublished.

Although many teachers confine themselves to a step by step method of teaching, to provide a useful service, they should be prepared to think beyond it. Therefore,

a second purpose of this institute was to provide ascending the classroom point of entry. An expansion for the profoundly retarded and severely multi-handicapped Development Centers is thus discussed in Section

this institute was to provide a series of perspectives from a classroom point of entry. An expanded philosophy of curriculum planning for retarded and severely multi-handicapped students in California's is thus discussed in Section IV.

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UNIT 1

AMBULATION

OBJECTIVE: Stimulate ambulation
through the use of
reflexive responses.

PRE

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. To establish a base line of development. 1.
(See Evaluative Tools listed)
2. Place child face down on Bobath ball. Hold firmly by legs just above the knee (not ankles). 2.
3. Roll child forward until head is about seven inches from floor or child reaches out and touches floor. 3.
4. Place child on floor mat in prone position (on tummy). Trainer on floor keeping near child level to establish near eye contact for interpersonal action. Trainer uses toy to attract child's attention and talks to the child. 4.

AMBULATION

Stimulate ambulation through the use of reflexive responses.

PREREQUISITE(S): Medical clearance for physical activity.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Establish a base line of development.
(Evaluative Tools listed)

child face down on Bobath
Hold firmly by legs just
the knee (not ankles).

child forward until head is
seven inches from floor or
reaches out and touches floor.

child on floor mat in prone
position (on tummy). Trainer on
keeping near child level to
establish near eye contact for
personal action. Trainer uses
to attract child's attention
talks to the child.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Not applicable.
2. Child is lying comfortably.
3. Sudden arm and head extension.
Protective reflex elicited.
4. Child will lift head up to watch toy and
to watch trainee's face while he talks.
Also, child will reach for toy, thus the
child is raising head and shoulders off
mat and strengthening neck and trunk
muscles.
Also the child reaches and grasps objects.

1.



Giving the Denver Development Test. Thirt
month old, unable to sit up or hold head u

3.



Smiles and talking reinforce the movemen
to reach for toy and hold up head.

2.



Development Test. Thirty to sit up or hold head up.



Using Bobath ball to elicit protective reflexes--"getting purposeful movement."

4.



ing reinforce the movement y and hold up head.



"Come on sweetheart, reach for the bells."

AMBULATION

NOTE: What follows are responses to the first s
of this guide.

NARRATIVE

1. A program of ambulation through stimulation
tive reflex in an otherwise passive child.
a child usually responds actively to a multi
who is sensitive to the child's needs and re
sphere. As shown here, the program includes
following:

- a. Forward protective reflex
- b. Lateral protective reflex
- c. Head extension
- d. Range of motion
- e. Self-initiated movement

These abilities are basic to a child's furth
affective development. (See page 114 and fo

Materials essential to this unit are listed
Time requirements: One-half hour limit per

2. This program could be used by anyone, a para
vision of either a physical therapist or an
3. The children that could benefit the most fro
most profoundly affected in the area of moto
developmental lag and/or severe motor involv
Thus, they do not experience the sensory-mot

By what evaluative instruments has this been
a. Cattell Infant Intelligence Scale
b. Denver Developmental Screening Test
c. Gross Developmental and Child CARE, D
d. Preschool Attainment REcord, Edgar A.
e. Seal Bluff Evaluation Scale

This strategy motivates the staff member to
growth in an objective and exciting way.

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are responses to the first six questions listed on pages 2 and 3
ie.

ambulation through stimulation and active arousal elicits a protective reflex in an otherwise passive child. Motorically, at about a 4 months level, the child responds actively to a multisensory approach if used by a teacher who responds to the child's needs and responses in an exciting, spirited atmosphere. As shown here, the program includes activities which will elicit the

protective reflex
protective reflex

tension

of motion

initiated movement

These are basic to a child's further psychomotor, cognitive, and motor development. (See page 114 and following.)

Essential to this unit are listed in the appendix.

Limits: One-half hour limit per session, three times daily.

This could be used by anyone, a paraprofessional or parent, with the supervision of a physical therapist or an occupational therapist.

Those who could benefit the most from this program are those who are the most severely affected in the area of motor development and who, because of motor lag and/or severe motor involvement, are without motor control. They do not experience the sensory-motor process of learning.

Formative instruments has this been appraised:

1. Infant Intelligence Scale

Developmental Screening Test

Developmental and Child Care, Dr. Margaret Jones

Tool Attainment Record, Edgar A. Doll

Cliff Evaluation Scale

This motivates the staff member to measure even very small increments of progress in an objective and exciting way.

4. Adaptations of programs such as Kephart developed to meet the individual needs of the program to be used, measurements are at a low level. The adaptations used include tactile smooth, etc.; balance activities on a ball; passive manipulation.
5. This strategy is excellent for "passive" in the arousal and stimulation to "turn" them. They thus emerge from the present developmental sensory motor level in the eliciting of sensation or fright trauma interception. Arousal and positive stimulation develop personal-social relationships for the child, humanizing toward total integration. Tonic muscle tone in the "flabby child" and tonic
6. Programs are continually being developed by occupational therapists working with children and evaluating. The programs were then used in his state of severe developmental lag. Tests include the DENVER DST, Seal Bluff Intelligence Scale, Edgar A. Doll's Preschool Developmental and Child Care Evaluation

ns of programs such as Kephart, Bobath, Rood, and Ayres have been to meet the individual needs of children. In order to determine am to be used, measurements are taken of each child's developmental ne adaptations used include tactile stimulations: hot-cold, rough- cc.; balance activities on a big ball or bolster; brushing; and anipulation.

tegy is excellent for "passive" helpless children as it can result ousal and stimulation to "turn on" and "tune in" these youngsters. emerge from the present developmental level to the next sequential otor level in the eliciting of prehensile grasp through the startling or fright trauma interception moving away from their placid immobility. nd positive stimulation develops trust in the therapist and positive social relationships for the youngsters as well as organizing and g toward total integration. This program is also excellent in developing ne in the "flabby child" and the severely withdrawn child.

are continually being developed and evaluated. Initially, physical and nal therapists working with cerebral palsied children did the developing ating. The programs were then adopted for the mentally retarded child ate of severe developmental lag. Adaptations by educators and psycholo- lude the DENVER DST, Seal Bluff Evaluation Scale, Cattell Infant Intel- scale, Edgar A. Doll's Preschool Attainment Record (PAR), and the Gross ental and Child Care Evaluation Scale - Dr. Margaret Jones.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN - AMBULATION

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

How this unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

to an increased repertoire of behaviors, such as establishment of basic of fear-avoidance behavior to elicit purposeful use of the body. It is reflexive activity, a precursor to self-initiated movement.

How this unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

passive movement, reflexive movement, the multisensory approach, and reinforcement including exciting social stimulation, tactile stimulation of incentives. The passive, non-ambulatory child is placed in a where reflexes are elicited, creating movement that is not passive on but generalized reflexively by the child. The child becomes," and in so doing, postural tone is developed as well as a range of

How this unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

Directly relate to this unit.

Unit's theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

because we are seeking a reflexive action. It becomes indirect the child "loves" the activity, bounces on the ball or the bolster, begins, his own movements to generate the movement of the ball or bolster.

Unit's theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or other? Explain.

and arousal techniques in a stimulating environment are used to elicit coping with a passive child. The sensory-motor training brought into the process certainly falls within the framework of a cognitive theoretical on, as per Piaget.

6. Describe how the unit provides for the

The skills learned in this unit are
In addition, once the child has made
self-initiated movement, he experiences
generates curiosity and initiative

7. Describe how this unit relates to other

It relates to and is basic to any fu
ability. Also, it is a necessary de
and self-help areas and is the basis
the foundation for later gross move
etc., and moving towards a desired

8. Describe how this unit might be affected
or personality.

This unit would be affected greatly
sensitivity to the child. The instr
the child in prescribed exercises, v
ive action by the child. The instr
motivation for movement. In addition
and participate with her in the treat
fear-avoidance behavior initially, h
reflexes develop and he learns to pr
then encourages the child to engage

NOTE: These evaluative questions are di

he unit provides for the transfer of training.

rned in this unit are transfered to the next developmental level. nce the child has made the trip from pure reflexive movement to movement, he experiences a desire to move, to see--in short, he osity and initiative and a way to explore the world.

his unit relates to other training areas.

and is basic to any further development of the child's motoric , it is a necessary development for progress in communication areas and is the basis for later development. This method is a for later gross movement, such as creeping, crawling, sitting, ng towards a desired object.

this unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique
7.

ld be affected greatly by the instructor's enthusiasm and o the child. The instructor, rather than passively manipulating prescribed exercises, uses the ball and bolster to elicit reflex- the child. The instructor furnishes a more efficient method of r movement. In addition, the child learns to trust the instructor te with her in the treatment. Also, although the child experiences e behavior initially, he gradually loses this as his protective lop and he learns to protect himself from falls. The instructor es the child to engage in self-motivated mcvement.

ative questions are discussed in detail in Section IV.

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EQUIP

36" ball - Montgomery Wards and Abercrombie

Toys for auditory and visual stimulation -
Lakeshore Educational Supplies, O

Bolster - must be made with small, thin mat
made of heavy plastic material wh

Hot and cold wash cloths

Rough and soft toweling

Plastic "toughy" (scouring pad)

2-3 ice cubes wrapped in cloth or directly

Furs

Brush (2 inches) - soft hair, e.g. sable br

Small blanket

8" semi-hard ball for pressure (pressing ag

Flashlight - lens can be various colors

Mobiles

Carpeting strips of different textures, sha

Therapy mats - Preston Catalog, Trenton, Ne

or

Therapy tables (optional)

Standing, nonbreakable mirrors - Creative

Compressed air - tire pump, hair dryer, too

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EQUIPMENT

Tomery Wards and Abercrombie & Fitch - Price \$5 to \$10

toy and visual stimulation - Creative Playthings, Palo Alto -
Core Educational Supplies, Oakland (rattle, bells, etc.)

be made with small, thin mattress that is rolled. The cover is
of heavy plastic material which is sewn over the rolled mattress.

sh cloths

toweling

(scouring pad)

rapped in cloth or directly on skin

- soft hair, e.g. sable brush

l for pressure (pressing against child)

as can be various colors

s of different textures, shapes and materials

Preston Catalog, Trenton, New Jersey

(optional)

breakable mirrors - Creative Playthings

tire pump, hair dryer, tooth cleaner

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SUGGESTED EVALUAT

Denver Developmental Screening Test

Seal Bluff Evaluation Scale

Cattell Infants' Intelligence Scale -
Psyche Cattell

Preschool Attainment Record, (PAR) -
Edgar A. Doll

Gross Developmental and Child Care
Evaluation Scale
(Also: Reflex Maturation Chart
State Postural Control &
Locomotion)

NOTE: Evaluative tools are to assist therapy
be considered definitive devices of

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SUGGESTED EVALUATION TOOLS

ental Screening Test

LADOCA Project
Publishing Foundation, Inc.
E. 51st Avenue & Lancaster Street
Denver, Colorado 80216

Also available through any Meade &
Johnson's Pharmaceutical Distributor

uation Scale

Seal Bluff Developmental Center
3020 Grant Street
Concord, California 94520

Intelligence Scale -

Psychological Corporation
304 E. 45th Street
New York, N. Y. 10017

ment Record, (PAR) -

American Guidance Service
Minneapolis, Minnesota

ental and Child Care
ale

x Maturation Chart
Postural Control &
otion)

Dr. Margaret Jones
University of California, Los Angeles
Rehabilitation Building
1000 Veteran's Building
760 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90024

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dered definitive devices of measurement.

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Title

How Babies Learn

New Y

Unive

Life With Baby

Detro

Learning in Infancy - Lipsett

Brown

The Bobath Approach to Cerebral
Palsy Habilitation

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Source

New York University Film Library,
New York City, N. Y. 10001
University of Wisconsin Film Library,
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Infancy - Lipsett

Brown University, Department of Psychology,
Providence, Rhode Island 02912

Approach to Cerebral
Stimulation

Inter Church Audio Visual, 832 Silas Deane
Hiway, Wetherfield, Connecticut 06109
(This film includes the Athetoid and
the Spastic Child)

COMMENTS:

Baer, Lovaas and other operant conditioning researchers have circumvented the laborious procedures of shaping by successively approximating the desired behavior. They have rediscovered procedures developed by Pavlov but not identify it as such, Miss Newcomb demonstrates a more dramatic alternative to shaping than the range of behaviors is limited, she nonetheless regarding the development of early adaptive behavior which is subsequently interpreted as avoidance condition.

Photograph #1 reveals that prior to the fall she flopped over on her face if placed in a sitting position. In the course of the fall her arms were extended when placed on the ball and rolled forward (a mildly fearful situation related to the hazard of the forward protective reflex and head extension). The procedure involved no shaping by successive approximations were vigorous, appropriate, and full-blown. Photograph #3 shows that the elicited adaptive behavior with touch and social stimulation. In photograph #2 the forward protective reflex is converted to grasping responses through the use of an attachment which can be obtained by reaching.

Marj Ann Newcomb's "Clinically brilliant techniques" closely parallels, and may be derived from, the techniques developed by Seguin in his development of prehension training (Seguin, 1907 and Ball, 1971). For this writer, interest in this technique is within the context of the Escape-Avoidance condition as a mere academic exercise. It could serve as a model for enhancing collaboration. Especially in terms of the relationship between an elicited reflex and its conversion to a learned response, facilitators may be able to contribute a great deal to the development of reinforcement procedures, they may be able to take place in facilitation training.

COMMENTS: AMBULATION

other operant conditioners have discovered the fact that of shaping by successive approximations can sometimes be gaining in generalized imitation. Stated more accurately, procedures developed by Itard and Seguin. Although she does Miss Newcomb demonstrated what, for certain behaviors, is more effective to shaping than is generalized imitation. Though the limited, she nonetheless provided an exciting revelation of early adaptive behavior through what this writer sub-avoidance conditioning

reveals that prior to training this 30 month-old child would be placed in a sitting position with legs extended at a 45° angle. When she fell her arms would hang uselessly at her sides. However, when she rolled forward (photograph #2), the child experienced a reflex related to the hazard of injury through falling. As a result, the reflex and head extension were suddenly elicited. While this shaping by successive approximations, the postural adjustments were made, and full-blown on the first attempt at elicitation. The elicited adaptive responses were immediately reinforced by simulation. In photograph #4 we see that the by now conditioned reflex is converted into purposive, voluntary reaching and grasping through the use of an attractive incentive which the child can only

is a clinically brilliant application of the Bobath "facilitated" approach, and makes use of the same principles employed in the development of prehension through the ladder technique (see Seguin, 1964). For this writer, interpreting Miss Newcomb's demonstration of the Escape-Avoidance conditioning model, is much more than a technical achievement. It could serve as the point of departure for a mutually beneficial exchange of ideas. Especially in terms of engineering transitional stages from reflex to voluntary movement, operant conditioning techniques contribute a great deal. Through the appropriate application of these techniques, they may be able to accelerate the rate of learning in ambulation training.

On the other hand, detailed information regarding actively elicited adaptive responses resides within the field especially in the work of the Bobaths. Cognitive theorists could contribute insights regarding the development of such generalizations; generalizations that would permit a more to the environment.

While it is productive to view this demonstration of Escape-Avoidance conditioning, other significant concomitants be ignored. It is obvious, for example, that in the course child becomes increasingly responsive to, and "turned on" around her. In other words, the procedure is a highly effective activation and arousal. It is quite possible that a sound fail to even "register," would now be sufficient to make the source of the stimulation. Such responses can form the learning. However, if they do not register, many learning

The reaching and grasping behaviors elicited and Newcomb were directly obtained and are important, practically on their own right. Beyond this, they have obvious potential for training to such areas as self-help skill training. As no plan, the variable of modeling and imitation does not direct training unit. In one sense, the category of crisis problem applied to the child's pre-training state, though somewhat

Even to the casual observer, viewing the video tape demonstration would reveal the obvious fact that in terms related to the teacher, the therapeutic success was no less

For further discussion refer to Section IV.

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reveal the obvious fact that in terms of subjective factors
t, the therapeutic success was no less than inspiring.

Discussion refer to Section IV.

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UNIT 2

STIMULATION

Orff-Schulwerk

ORFF-SCHULWERK

OBJECTIVE: To provide an opportunity to participate in a social process using the Orff-Schulwerk method providing an opportunity to creatively participate in a learning situation.

PREREQUI

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Leader chants, "Follow the drum," and a circle (rondo form) is formed. | 1. Memb
tanc |
| 2. Leader chants, "Names, names, what's your name?" to initiate the "A" development of the rondo form. She uses eye contact while chanting to encourage participation by all members of the group, and she accents and enunciates the chant. | 2. Memb
phys |
| 3. Leader states, "My name is, " to indicate it is her "turn" in the "B" section of the rondo form. After name is given and mimicked by group, leader returns to "A" of rondo form. | 3. Grou
nied |
| 4. Leader repeats "A" and "B" of rondo form until each member has an opportunity for a turn. If member is unable to respond, his period of time (possession), is still given to the individual in silence. | 4. Each
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othe |

ORFF-SCHULWERK

ide an opportunity
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using the Orff-
rk method providing
rtunity to creatively
pate in a learning
on.

PREREQUISITE(S): Training in: Orff-
Schulwerk method; needs
of the handicapped; group
dynamics; behavior modi-
fication; growth and
development.

IONAL METHODS

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of rondo form.

"A" and "B" of rondo
member has an oppor-
rn. If member is
nd, his period of time
s still given to the
silence.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Members follow the leader, with assis-
tance if needed.
2. Members participate by chanting and/or
physical movement, mimicking the leader.
3. Group repeats teacher's name accompa-
nied by physical movement.
4. Each member has a turn which is his
time to innovate. This time is a per-
sonal possession and is respected by
other members of the group.

Orff-Schulwerk (Cont'd.)

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

5. Leader states chant, "Make a Fire, Light it, Watch it Grow!" She dramatizes the making of a fire, using a tambour as a symbol of fire, and places the fire in the center of the circle. 5. Each the f cente
6. Leader initiates second phase of fire theme with chant, "When you Touch the Fire, it's Very, Very Hot! When you Touch the Fire, it Burns!" Leader approaches fire dramatically and carefully touches fire, and reacts as if burned. Spontaneous comments about fear, excitement, concern, pain are reinforced when offered by members. 6. Rondo devel the
7. Leader chants, "When the fire is very, very hot, you blow the fire out!" She encourages each member to join together and blow the fire out. Chanting, "The fire's out, the fire is out, we've all blown it out!" The tambour is removed from the circle. 7. All of c
8. Leader claps and chants, "Stand up! Stand up! Stand up in a circle!" 8. Memb
9. Leader explains the sounds of the body by asking, "What sounds does your body make? What sounds do your toes, feet, etc. make?" Spontaneously encouraging participants to explore and pointing out interesting sounds. 9. Memb with
10. Leader begins nonverbal foot stamping and hand clapping in a pattern to establish "A" of the rondo. 10. Memb sou

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INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

5. Each member innovates while lighting the fire in the tambour placed in the center of the circle.
6. Rondo form continues with continuous development of dramatic approach to the fire, imitating the leader.
7. All members chant and come to the center of circle and blow out the fire (tambour).
8. Members stand up and form a circle.
9. Members express individual body sounds without taking turns in rondo form.
10. Members take turns developing body sound "B" development.

Orff-Schulwerk (Cont'd.)

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

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|-----|---|-----|----------------------|
| 11. | Leader chants and motions as she slowly lowers body to floor, "Let's all sit down," (while lowering her voice). | 11. | Me |
| 12. | Leader places a bass xylophone, an alto metalophone, and a regular xylophone in the center of the circle. Leader chants, "There are many sounds you hear, play your sounds for us." "Who will play?" The leader encourages voluntary participation rather than having the children take turns in the order of the circle. | 12. | Or
en
se
me |
| 13. | Leader chants, "Choose a friend to play with you, choose a friend by name." | 13. | TH
an
hi
so |
| 14. | Leader chants, "Choose another friend to play with you, choose a friend by name." Leader encourages listening to each other and the composition in three parts is developed. | 14. | A
to |
| 15. | Rondo continues until there are no volunteers. If member seems interested but does not seem to understand the format, the leader encourages participants and provides needed assistance. The leader sometimes asks another member to assist. When group does not draw composition to closure, she says "thank you" in a firm and final tone of voice. | 15. | Al
pa |
| 16. | Leader chants, "The time has come to go, the time has come to go," and leads the members from the room. | 16. | Me
go
in |

d.)

TEACHING METHODS

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floor, "Let's all sit
lowering her voice).

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a regular xylophone in
the circle. Leader chants,
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and the children take turns
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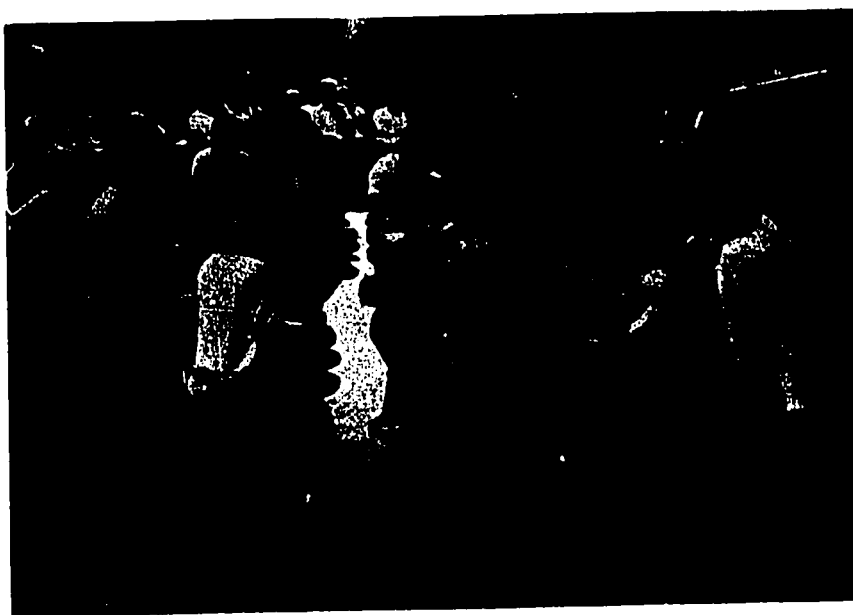
The time has come to
say good-bye, and leads
the room.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

11. Members sit down, forming a circle.
12. One member volunteers to play and enters the center of the circle, selecting one of the three instruments.
13. The member in the circle chooses another person to play with him, using his name if able, and the second person chooses an instrument.
14. A third member joins the group and together they develop a composition.
15. All members have an opportunity to participate.
16. Members leave room with spontaneous good-byes, so long - bye-bye, singing and chanting... and aroused.

PLAN: Orff

1. The leader develops chant for leading group into the room. Group forms circle. Group performs rondo in chant, "Names, names, what's your name?"



Group of nine children entering room for first Orff-Schulwerk session.

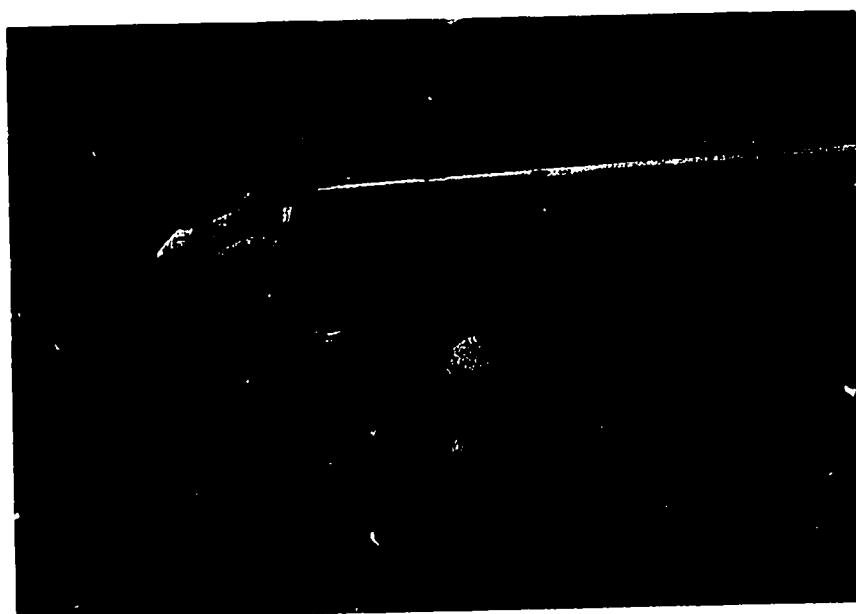
PLAN: Orff-Schulwerk

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2. Leader develops theme on fire. Leader places tambour in center of circle and chants, "Make a fire, light it, watch it grow." After participation, leader chants, "When the fire is very, very hot, you blow the fire out." All blow the fire out together.



Children entering room
Schulwerk session.



The children are encouraged to innovate
and use imagery in making the fire in
the tambour.

PLAN: Orff-Schulwerk (Cont'd.)

4. Group participation
"There are many ways
your sounds form words
has the choice of words
Leader chants
play with you
A friend is chosen
selected by the group
chants, "Choose a friend
with you, choose a friend
third friend



The children
each other and
together.

chulwerk (Cont'd.)

s group stand and partici-
exploring the sound of the
ter exploration a nonver-
and stamp "A" of rondo is
, and the members innovate
sound in response for
nt of "B" of rondo.



er encourages the group
to various sounds made
r body.

4. Group participating in rondo chant,
"There are many sounds you hear, play
your sounds for us." The participant
has the choice of three instruments.
Leader chants, "Choose a friend to
play with you, choose a friend by name."
A friend is chosen and an instrument
selected by the friend. The leader
chants, "Choose another friend to play
with you, choose a friend by name. The
third friend plays with the other two.



The children are encouraged to listen to
each other and to develop a composition
together.

PLAN: Orff-Schulwerk (Cont'd.)



Orff

chulwerk (Cont'd.)



Orff Activities

NARRATIVE¹

Orff-Schulwerk is a creative process which participation in the process. The process is more concerned itself with the complexities of the body, than common to man. It is concerned with calling out communication.

Orff-Schulwerk is improvisation. Individual becomes a self motivating power in performance. success in self-expression. Orff-Schulwerk is a first an activity of the mind with subsequent man Orff-Schulwerk, in dealing always with total expression taking speech patterns and gesture for basic material words of meaning, but can be nonsense sounds or self finger snapping, stamping, and patschen (clapping) serve as an extension of sound made by the body and patterns more than melodic. Melody grows out of children's play and children's calls.

A principle of Orff-Schulwerk is to start stimulating the child's total pre-disposition to other specialization can be built upon this broad

Feedback is immediate through acceptance contribution and participation in Orff-Schulwerk level of inner job will vary according to his individual participation with the group including self-expression. belief in himself and his expression cannot be determined "right" or "wrong." His unique contribution should and the criteria, by which it is accepted, or modified receive, such as through listening, looking, and expression

1 This material describing Orff-Schulwerk is taken from "Creativity," a report to the U. S. Office of Education by Bellflower Unified School District, Bellflower, California.

creative process which involves every child through
The process is more than a musical method, it con-
tains activities of the body, the spirit, and deepest feelings
expressed with calling out all possible forms of fruitful

provisation. Individual awareness to active procedure
over in performance. Orff-Schulwerk is a step-wise
Orff-Schulwerk is a rhythmic education. Rhythm's
is with subsequent manifestation in sound and movement.
Always with total expression, is natural and alert in
posture for basic material. Ideas are not necessarily
nonsense sounds or sounds of gesture like clapping,
and patschen (clapping of hands on thighs). Instruments
made by the body and continue first as rhythmic
Melody grows out of natural sounds commonly heard in
the child's calls.

Schulwerk is to start education by utilizing and
overcoming all pre-disposition to express himself so that any
built upon this broad and solid basis.

is achieved through acceptance or modification of each person's
contribution in Orff-Schulwerk group design. The individual's
contribution according to his inner feelings of success in partici-
pating self-expression. The reinforcement of the child's
self-expression cannot be done in terms of telling him he was
making a unique contribution should receive consideration each time,
whether it is accepted, or modified, be within terms he can per-
ceive, feeling, looking, and empathy for a particular feeling.

Orff-Schulwerk is taken from "Orff-Schulwerk Design for
the U. S. Office of Education of ESEA Title III Project,
District, Bellflower, California, 1968.

STIMULATION: ORFF-

INSTRUCTIONAL L

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in dea

It allows channeling of unacceptable behavior. Respect for self and others is inherent in the unit can be non-verbal and adapted to the le

2. Describe how this unit will be useful in sti

Multi-stimuli are used. The teacher and student through involvement and mutual stimulation, a

3. Describe how this unit will contribute to mo

Development of a theme in rondo form is imitated responses demonstrate modeling. The social model to which the individual can relate in a the social process is reinforced. Orff-Schulwerk modeling of other experiences (i.e., school,

4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation direc

In planning an Orff-Schulwerk session a plan of behavior is made, indirectly, but once the session becomes direct in response to the obser

5. Is the unit's theoretical orientation (1) b
eclectic? Explain.

Eclectic. The process includes learning the techniques, group dynamics and cognitive le

STIMULATION: ORFF-SCHULWERK

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

this unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

channeling of unacceptable behavior and rewards for appropriate behavior. Self and others is inherent in the structure of Orff-Schulwerk. This is non-verbal and adapted to the level of behavior.

this unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

are used. The teacher and student(s) are co-authors of the unit and movement and mutual stimulation, arousal and action is accomplished.

this unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

of a theme in rondo form is imitative and the individual's innovative demonstrate modeling. The social process in Orff-Schulwerk provides a way in which the individual can relate in any group situation. Contributing to the process is reinforced. Orff-Schulwerk provides an opportunity to test other experiences (i.e., school, home, play yard, church, etc.).

's theoretical orientation direct or indirect?

an Orff-Schulwerk session a plan of action in handling anticipated behavior is made, indirectly, but once the session begins the theoretical orientation is direct in response to the observable behavior.

s theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or (3) explain.

the process includes learning theory, behavior theory, encounter theory, group dynamics and cognitive learning.

6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer

The following transferable areas are reinforced to the situation; developing use of descriptive respect for equipment; sensitivity to sounds and properties of instruments; increased attention attitudes; knowledge of basic concepts; and most enjoyment while learning.

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training

The adaptation of this unit is only limited by (i.e., grooming, self-care, motor coordination etc.). The structure of Orff-Schulwerk is app.

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the or personality.

The instructor should have the following qualities involved and must enjoy the activity. She must each individual's innovative response. She must and exhibit spontaneity. She should lack inhibition and to provide a model. She should be resourceful tools for theme development, be knowledgeable and capable of structuring a functional activity.

the unit provides for the transfer of training.

transferable areas are reinforced: independent responses appropriate on; developing use of descriptive resources (verbal/non-verbal); equipment; sensitivity to sounds and the knowledge of the physical instruments; increased attention span and retention; appropriate knowledge of basic concepts; and most of all experiencing fun and learning.

this unit relates to other training areas.

of this unit is only limited by the imagination of the teacher singing, self-care, motor coordination, verbal skills, arts and crafts, structure of Orff-Schulwerk is applicable in any learning situation.

this unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique

should have the following qualities: She/he must be capable of being must enjoy the activity. She must respect and be capable of developing all's innovative response. She must be sensitive to the group process spontaneity. She should lack inhibition so as to facilitate interaction as a model. She should be resourceful in developing germ statements and the development, be knowledgeable of the needs of individuals, and be structuring a functional activity.

For information on training for Orff-

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Program Director
Social Development
Fairview State
2501 Harbor Boulevard
Costa Mesa, California

and she will assist you in locating trainers

The University of California at River
Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, San Fernando
have offered courses on Orff-Schulwerk at various

The Department of Mental Hygiene, Bureau
has provided training of clinicians across the state
providing training in Orff-Schulwerk to interested

MATERIALS

Glockenspiels
Xylophones
Metallophones

Sources for Orff-Schulwerk instruments include

Magnamusic-Baton, Inc.
6390 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63111

Peripole, Inc.
51-17 Rockaway Boulevard
Far Rock Away, New York

Children's Music Center
5373 W. Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

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Assist you in locating trainers by geographical areas.

University of California at Riverside, Los Angeles, Irvine, San Diego,
College in Los Angeles, San Fernando State College, Long Beach State College,
courses on Orff-Schulwerk at various times.

Department of Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Training, Sacramento, California,
training of clinicians across the state, and various state hospitals are
training in Orff-Schulwerk to interested clinicians.

MATERIALS

Glockenspiels
Xylophones
Metallophones

Drums and timpani
Small percussion instruments

Orff-Schulwerk instruments include:

Magnamusic-Baton, Inc.
6390 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 93130

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COMMENTS: Orff-S

Just as the interpretation of Miss Newcomb of escape-avoidance yielded new insights into that technique, so also is the significance of generalized imitation.

Frequent references to imitation were made, there is a vast difference between imitation, a concept rediscovered, developed and others in the field of operant conditioning. Generalized imitation will be clarified and a procedure will be provided.

Generalized Imitation: It is important to be technical from the popular meaning of imitation. Bandura and Sherman (1964) pointed out that a model's behavior of a model does not guarantee that the two behaviors was functional in producing the observer. This is a subtle but critical difference. For example, if a little boy sees his father pressing a lever on a vending machine and drinking a reward. The presence of the father, perhaps necessary. The child might have witnessed the behavior automatically, as by an invisible operant response. On the other hand, if the child observed the father's idiosyncratic gestures, his absence of any overt attempt to encourage duplications, we see generalized imitation because it has become intrinsically rewarded. Stated more formally, imitation occurs when the responses of a model are copied in diverse situations in the absence of extrinsic reinforcement" (Bandura, 1968, p. 375).

COMMENTS: Orff-Schulwerk

the interpretation of Miss Newcomb's facilitation programs in terms of operant conditioning yielded new insights into the significance and potentialities of this work. It is also the significance of Orff-Schulwerk more fully appreciated in the context of work of generalized imitation.

References to imitation were made in the instructional plan. Yet the difference between imitation, as casually understood, and generalized imitation was not rediscovered, developed and conceptually refined by Baer, Lovaas and others in the field of operant conditioning. In what follows, the concept of generalized imitation will be clarified and a practical example of a training procedure is provided.

Generalized Imitation: It is important to differentiate the concept of generalized imitation from the popular meaning of imitation. Thus, Baer and Sherman (1964) pointed out that a mere repetition of the behavior of a model does not guarantee that the similarity of the behaviors was functional in producing the behavior in the imitator. This is a subtle but critical distinction. For example, if a little boy sees his father obtain candy by pressing a lever on a vending machine and does likewise, we can only say that he learned that pressing a lever led to a tangible reward. The presence of the father, per se, was perhaps unnecessary. The child might have witnessed the sequence carried out mechanically, as by an invisible operator, and learned the sequence. On the other hand, if the child begins to duplicate his father's idiosyncratic gestures, his gait, etc., in the absence of any overt attempt to encourage or reward these imitations, we see generalized imitation. The child imitates because it has become intrinsically rewarding to "be like dad." More formally, imitation occurs "when many different responses of a model are copied in diverse situations, often in the absence of extrinsic reinforcement" (Gewirtz and Stingle, 1963, p. 375).

COMMENTS (Cont'd.)

The effectiveness of imitation training was clearly revealed in a study by Ball (1967), who worked with profoundly retarded subjects. They were taught to imitate spontaneous imitative behavior, either vocal or motor, by using food as reinforcement. They were taught to imitate, e.g., raising the left arm, putting on a hat, etc., by a prior demonstration by an experimenter. Through successive approximations and feedback, the subjects began spontaneously imitating the experimenter's responses without the need for matching of the experimenter's responses. While most subjects began spontaneously imitating the experimenter's responses, some were not. The subjects called "probes," persisted as long as the responses were reinforced. Verbal imitations were reinforced. Patterns of motor imitations, e.g., in one experiment, the experimenter said, "Do this," rose from his chair, left the room, turned toward the subject, said "Ah," and returned to his seat. The result was that a generalized imitation was eventually achieved on a motoric-gestural level. Subsequent verbal learning, i.e., children imitated the sounds prior to training, imitated the experimenter's "Ah." (Ball, 1967.)

In contrast to the laborious and relatively slow progress developed by Baer, Carol Bitcon's adaptation of the Orff method effectively incorporated what appears to be a series of generalized imitations.¹ In addition to the unique form, unlike the Baer technique, the Orff method emphasizes training and the promotion of activation and arousal. The methodology, it recaptures the subtleties of imitative behavior. Seguin (1907). Thus,

Imitation is first induced by the concentration of attention from the teacher to the child...

1 A research investigation, currently in progress, is developing a technique for training generalized imitation.

iveness of imitation training in facilitating other learning was early revealed in a study by Baer, Peterson and Sherman who worked with profoundly retarded children without spontaneous imitative behavior, either vocal or motor. Selectively using reinforcement, they taught the children a series of responses including the left arm, putting on a hat, etc., identical to a demonstration by an experimenter. Initially, intensive shaping of successive approximations and fading was required to induce a copying of the experimenter's responses. Gradually, however, the children began spontaneously imitating new responses without their being trained. While most of these spontaneous imitations were reinforced, some were not. Responding to the latter items, "obedience," persisted as long as some other imitative responses were reinforced. Verbal imitations were then incorporated into the series of motor imitations, e.g., in one demonstration the experimenter, "Do this," rose from his chair, walked to the center of the room, turned toward the subject, said "Ah," and returned to his seat. The result was that a generalized tendency to imitate, initiated on a motoric-gestural level, markedly facilitated verbal learning, i.e., children who would not imitate before training, imitated the entire sequence, including verbal responses (Baer, 1967.)

Contrary to the laborious and relatively stilted procedures methodically used in Carol Bitcon's adaptation of the Orff-Schulwerk method has introduced what appears to be a series of powerful techniques for developing imitative behavior.¹ In addition to the uniquely facilitating effect of the rondo technique, the Orff method exploits the possibilities of group reinforcement and promotion of activation and arousal. In its extensions beyond Baer's work, it captures the subtleties of imitation training incorporated by Orff.

This is first induced by the concentrated operation of attention directed by the teacher to the child... But after any practical

investigation, currently in progress, will formally evaluate Orff as a method for training generalized imitation.

extension of the imitative faculty is acquired must be carried from the quiet closet pre-imitation to the open room where group imitative contagious power... (pp. 90-91).

He adds,

If the exercise is already quite familiar, not so much the learning of new gestures, more rapid performance of old ones, the curve on a slightly curved line, the more experienced extremities of the concavity, each of the and the teacher; thus doubly impulsed and

The Baer technique was the method of choice in his systematic research on generalized imitation. He demonstrated the generalizability of imitation in a more precise and possible in the Orff context. Yet once such initiation is no reason to remain encumbered by a narrow gauge

It is important to interpret Orff within a conditioning approach to generalized imitation. Specifying to develop a generalized imitation that could substitute type speech training program.¹ Such programs are in fashion. However, the identification of Orff-Schubert imitation might be the first step toward developing

Viewed in terms of the variable, subjective is very effective. Although, as Mrs. Bitcon has observed, the participant to analyze or be accountable for feeling

1 In comparison with the Baer procedure, a disabled child imitates items such as hand clapping (see item 10 of Imitation) in the context of a specific ongoing activity. The child is motivated by the introduction of the activity. In other words, in a routine, the start of the routine signals the child to hand clapping. Using this kind of cue, he can imitate without ever paying attention to the leader. In this fashion, would not constitute generalized

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context. Yet once such initial studies are completed, there
in encumbered by a narrow gauge training technique.

ant to interpret Orff within the Baer and Lovaas operant condi-
generalized imitation. Specifically, Orff training might serve
ized imitation that could subsequently be exploited in a Lovaas
program.¹ Such programs are not ordinarily linked in this
the identification of Orff-Schulwerk as training in generalized
the first step toward developing novel program configurations.

arms of the variable, subjective factors, Orff may prove to be
though, as Mrs. Bitcon has observed, it does not force the par-
or be accountable for feelings engendered in the group situation,

h the Baer procedure, a disadvantage to Orff is that imitation
and clapping (see item 10 of Instructional Plan) occur within the
specific ongoing activity. The child's behavior may be cued merely
on of the activity. In other words, because he has learned the
t of the routine signals the fact that the time has arrived for
using this kind of cue, he could carry out the appropriate response
ing attention to the leader. But hand clapping brought about in
ld not constitute generalized imitation.

COMMENTS (Cont'd.)

like the Esalen-type encounter group it can "turn on" all participants alike. In fact, it is the virtue of Orff that the teacher dissolves during the Orff process. This means that the student at least potentially, can become part of what is an existential experience for the teacher. The retardate's naive yet joyful spontaneity, in a therapeutic sense, help an "uptight," intellectually oriented teacher find his own spontaneity. In practical terms, this means that the retardate becomes reinforcing to the therapist as a human being, thereby providing a possible motivation for working with the retarded. It appears that in the field of mental retardation never bridge this interpersonal gap between themselves and their students.

For additional discussion, refer to Section IV.

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ardation never bridge this interpersonal gap between them-

discussion, refer to Section IV.

UNIT 3
COMMUNICATION

A. Word Association	P. 34
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C. Receptive Understanding	P. 51
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INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

7. "____, Do you see a picture of a bunny?" etc. (Give each child a chance to select picture.)
8. "Let's put the bunny in his box." (Place bunny in box. Invite student's help.)
9. "____, What else is in the box? What is it?" etc. (Follow the same procedure as with rabbit.)
10. "Can you show me the picture of a bunny?"
11. "____, Would you like to put the turtle in the box?" "Let's close the box."

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

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c. (Give each child a
select picture.)

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ny in box. Invite
help.)

What else is in the box? What
c. (Follow the same proce-
th rabbit.)

show me the picture of a

ld you like to put the
the box?" "Let's close

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

7. To draw individual's attention to the learning activity. Child looks at pictures and selects appropriate picture by pointing or picking it up.
8. To conclude one learning process. Eliminate distraction during succeeding lesson.
9. Initiation of new object lesson.
10. Review of preceding object lesson.
11. Conclusion of object lesson.

1.

Gaining
attention
of children



2.

Gaining
recognitio
of object

"Who knows what is in the box?"

3.

Children
look at
pictures
and select
appropriate
picture



4.

Associati
of object
and pictu

"Maybe we will see a picture of a bunny."

2.

Gaining
recognition
of object



what is in the box?"



"What is this?"

4.

Association
of object
and picture



picture of a bunny."



NARRATIVE

In working with retarded children, it is that are concrete, motivating, stimulating, and provide for some transfer of learning in a situation rewarding.

The objective of this presentation was to (turtle and rabbit) to arouse the children's visual awareness. It was hoped to have them identify and imitating them and, in imitation of their teacher, and

Finally, the children were to select the the pets presented to them from the Peabody Kit.

with retarded children, it is essential to provide experiences motivating, stimulating, and meaningful--experiences that will transfer of learning in a situation that is both enjoyable and

One of this presentation was to present concrete objects (the to arouse the children's visual, auditory and kinesthetic hoped to have them identify and name the animals while manipulation of their teacher, repeatedly naming them.

The children were to select the appropriate picture likeness of to them from the Peabody Kit.

COMMUNICATION: WORD

INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in d

This unit hopes to help the child associate a word or symbol (picture). Next step, the associating a picture or object with a sound, saying the object by name.

2. Describe how this unit will be useful in s

The use of live animals is effective in an although there is the possibility that some touch and feed the animals uses additional.

3. Describe how this unit will contribute to

The teacher says the name of the animals. tunity to repeat the name. They are also saying "Good-bye" to the animals.

4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation di

Direct. The objects as well as pictures The intent is to learn the words for these

5. Is the unit's theoretical orientation (1) (3) eclectic? Explain.

Eclectic. Although the language is basic the animals, is used as a means of teaching

COMMUNICATION: WORD ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

How this unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

Attempts to help the child associate a real or live (rabbit) object with a symbol (picture). Next step, the child would develop the concept of a picture or object with a spoken word demonstrating this by identifying the object by name.

How this unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

Use of live animals is effective in arousing interest in young children. There is the possibility that some may be fearful. Permitting them to feed the animals uses additional senses and involves the child further.

How this unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

Teacher says the name of the animals. The children are then given the opportunity to repeat the name. They are also encouraged to imitate the teacher in saying "good-bye" to the animals.

What's the theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

Real objects as well as pictures of the objects to be identified are used. This is to learn the words for these objects.

What's the theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or (3) constructivist? Explain.

Although the language is basically cognitive, action, such as handling the objects, is used as a means of teaching words.

6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer

The children will learn that there is a word c

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training

This unit is related to socialization, such as
It would be a step toward further language dev

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the child's
or personality.

The teacher would need to be interested in and
in bringing children and animals together. The
amount of equanimity.

How the unit provides for the transfer of training.

Children will learn that there is a word or name for objects.

How this unit relates to other training areas.

This is related to socialization, such as taking turns and care of animals.
It is a step toward further language development.

How this unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique
and ability.

The instructor would need to be interested in animals and to be gentle and patient
with children and animals together. The process may require a certain
equanimity.

Word Association (Cont'd.)

Equipment List

1 table
4 chairs
1 standing mirror
1 Peabody Kit #P
Pictures of Ball, Bunny, Turtle

Supplies List

Ball
Turtle (live)
Rabbit (live) and food
Boxes
Signs

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COMMENTS: Word As

This instructional plan is extremely cleverly and intelligently interpreted in terms of the eight questions (Levels). It is important to note that this procedure is from the Peabody Kit. There appears to be a real need for a profoundly retarded and severely multi-handicapped

More than anything else, activation and socialization of the child to the outside world. If this can be done with a sense of the dramatic and of sheer discovery, as in the Orff section, experiences of this kind can be included. Here the emphasis is on spontaneity

A highpoint of the demonstration occurred when a rabbit to some of the children enrolled in the program participated in the demonstration. Mr. Fitch, with patience, aroused interest and delight, while realizing that these responses could give way to fear if not handled sensitively. Where empathy can sometimes lead to overprotection, here it served the function of a sensitive detector guiding the process. There is a kind of artistry in this procedure, an amount of intellectual understanding of behavior that is far beyond uninspired teaching experience. It reflects the processes in those processes of nature so aptly described by Platt as a form of chain reaction:

Chain-processes seem, and are, so much a part of the universe. A waterfall. A thunderstorm. We feel their changes of form, their setbacks, as though we were part of them, as though they were our very own. And are they not? Chain-reactions of nature which is least mechanical, which we identify with ongoing and universal processes (1966, p. 56).

Although he did not set out to do so, Mr. Fitch led us into what might be described as an "intrinsic motivation" in the world anew through the eyes of a child.

Refer to Section IV for additional discussion.

COMMENTS: Word Association

ctional plan is extremely clear and straightforward. It is intel-
d in terms of the eight questions on evaluation (Instructional
ortant to note that this program provides a transitional step to
here appears to be a real need for such a step in the training of
and severely multi-handicapped children with the Peabody materials.

anything else, activation and arousal implies a "turning on" of the world. If this can be done with a sense of wonderment and joy, dramatic and of sheer discovery, so much the better. As noted in experiences of this kind can enhance everyone present, teacher emphasis is on spontaneity and innovation.

of the demonstration occurred when Mr. Fitch presented a live he children enrolled in the Santa Cruz Development Center who demonstration. Mr. Fitch, with sensitivity, gentleness and interest and delight, while remaining acutely aware of the fact s could give way to fear if the live specimen was presented pre- empathy can sometimes lead to distortion, in this instance, it of a sensitive detector guiding the entire process of presenta- kind of artistry in this process that cannot be gained through any tual understanding of behavior modification, cognitive theory, or y experience. It reflects the teacher's sensitivity to and delight of nature so aptly described by the renowned biophysicist John R. chain reaction:

esses seem, and are, so much more alive than the rest of
se. A waterfall. A thunderstorm. Newborn puppies. We
changes of form, their setbacks and advances,.... as
were part of them, as though their reaction systems were
own. And are they not? Chain-reactions represent the side
which is least mechanical, where we can empathize and
with ongoing and universal processes that we, too, represent
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e did not set out to do so, Mr. Fitch provides us with a glimpse described as an "intrinsic reinforcement" for teaching--discovering through the eyes of a child.

ection IV for additional discussion.

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B. AUDITORY DISCRIMINATION

OBJECTIVE: Response of any kind by the children to a given sound.

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INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. Children sit on chairs at table, beside the teacher and teacher's aide.
2. Teacher begins to present items to stimulate sound.
3. Teacher says, "listen, I have a surprise for you!"
4. Teacher takes out "cow-sound" toy and lets each child listen to it, touch it, and manipulate it.
5. Teacher takes out Rattle... etc.
6. Teacher takes out Squeak toy... etc.
7. Teacher takes out Bell... etc.
8. Teacher places all toys under a large cloth.
9. Teacher places her hand under the cloth and makes one of the toys "sound-act."

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COMMUNICATION

B. AUDITORY DISCRIMINATION OF GROSS SOUNDS

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children to a given

PREREQUISITE(S): Ability of children to show,
physically or verbally, any
type of response to sound.

ADDITIONAL METHODS

n chairs at table,
cher and teacher's

to present items to
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ou!"

out "cow-sound" toy
child listen to it,
manipulate it.

out Rattle... etc.

out Squeak toy... etc.

out Bell... etc.

all toys under a

her hand under the
s one of the toys

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. to 2.
Children should begin to show some kind
of awareness of the teacher's presence.

3. to 7.
Children should show some response to
sound, verbally or physically.

8. Children watch procedure of toys being
covered.

9. to 10.
Children are encouraged to listen.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

10. Teacher says, "What was that?"
"Listen, listen!"
11. Teacher uncovers objects and asks one of the children to pick the toy which made the sound.
12. Teacher says, "Which one made that sound?" "Can you pick the right one?"
13. Teacher repeats the same procedure for the next 3 objects.

ADDITIONAL METHODS

"What was that?"

objects and asks
them to pick the toy
and.

Which one made that
pick the right one?"

Use the same procedure
with objects.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

11. to 13.
The children pick up or point to
appropriate object.

1.



2.

"Listen, listen"--each child
listens to "moo" sound.

3.



4.

"Let's play a game..."--each
child listens.

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sten"--each child
"moo" sound.

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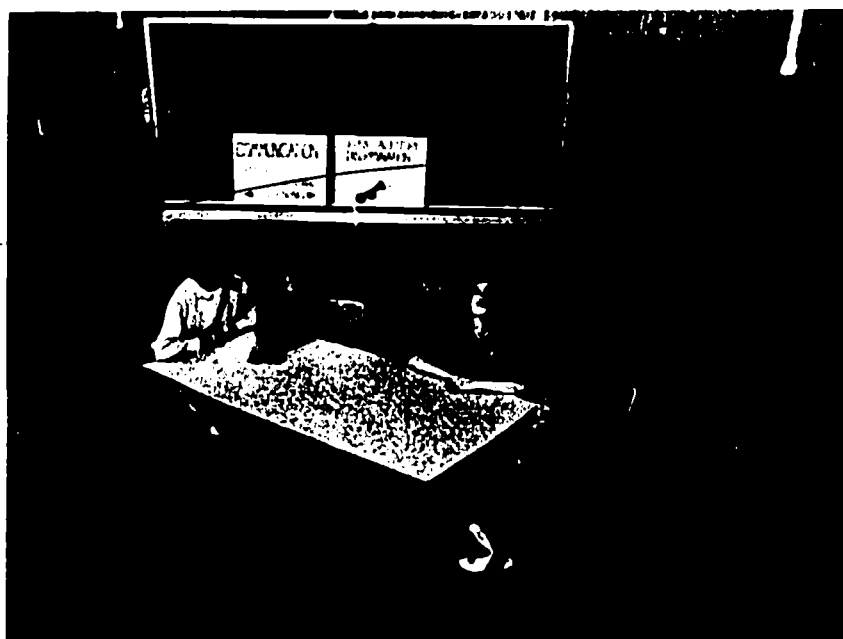


Each child manipulates the sound
maker (rattle).



a game..."--each
en

4.



"Good girl, that's the right one."

5.



Child picks out another sound maker.

NARRATIVE

The ability to listen with an appropriate foundation for the more complex skills of encoding and communication.

The objective of this presentation was to expose the children in some way to the gross sounds presented by the noise-makers.

It was hoped to first capture their attention, then systematically examine the noise-makers and manipulate them to elicit correct responses to the individual sounds.

During the presentation, a baseline was established and his responses were tabulated.

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for the more complex skills of encoding and decoding--the bases of com-

objective of this presentation was to motivate the children to respond
to the gross sounds presented by the attractive noise-makers.

was hoped to first capture their attention; then allow them to kines-
examine the noise-makers and manipulate them at will; and finally, to
ect responses to the individual sounds presented.

ing the presentation, a baseline was established on a selected child and
es were tabulated.

COMMUNICATION: GROSS AUDITION

INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in de

This unit is intended to change behavior by sounds by the use of attractive, bright, so
fort is to gain the child's attention. The
sound at a time, and asking the child to id

2. Describe how this unit will be useful in st

The colorful toys used and the distinctive
child with the social age of these children
the objects involves other senses besides
involving the children.

3. Describe how this unit will contribute to

The teacher demonstrates the use of each t
how the sound is produced. Each child is
teacher's action to produce the sound.

4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation dir

It is direct. The purpose is to teach the
sounds and these sounds are used directly

5. Is the unit's theoretical orientation (1)
(3) eclectic? Explain.

Eclectic. It is action oriented, but invo
and interpretation of sound as well.

COMMUNICATION: GROSS AUDITORY DISCRIMINATION

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

how this unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

is intended to change behavior by teaching the child to attend to gross the use of attractive, bright, sound-making objects. The initial effort to gain the child's attention. Then by covering the objects, using one at a time, and asking the child to identify the object making the sound.

how this unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

ful toys used and the distinctive sound made by each is appealing to the child's social age of these children. The actual handling and using of the toys involves other senses besides hearing, thus further stimulating and arousing the children.

how this unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

Teacher demonstrates the use of each toy, such as shaking the rattle, to show how the sound is produced. Each child is then given the opportunity to copy the action to produce the sound.

unit's theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

Direct. The purpose is to teach the child to discriminate among gross sounds and these sounds are used directly for that express purpose.

unit's theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or (3) humanistic? Explain.

It is action oriented, but involves the internal process of hearing and interpretation of sound as well.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS (Cont'd.)

6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer of

It is hoped that by learning to listen and discriminate a hearing child will be able to progress to discrimination of words and parts of words.

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training

It relates to almost every other area of training for a hearing child, since the hearing of directions, and the child's ability to listen.

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the child's intelligence or personality.

This unit demands patience and the willingness to wait on the part of the teacher. The teacher needs to have patience as they could become distracting and confusing to the child.

(Cont'd.)

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able to progress to discrimination among finer sounds such as those
parts of words.

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since the hearing of directions, explanations, etc. depends upon
ability to listen.

unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique

as patience and the willingness to devote a great deal of time on
teacher. The teacher needs to handle the objects carefully or
be distracting and confusing to the child.

Gross Auditory Discrimination (Cont'd.)

Equipment List

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Plastic squeeze toy
Rattle
Bell
Cow-sound
Table
Chairs
Large cloth
Sack for toys

See

Supplies List

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Identification card (Title)

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2.
3.

on (Cont'd.)

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See combined list for COMMUNICATIONS.

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COMMENTS: Auditory Discrimination
of Gross Sounds

This excellent instructional plan complements and extends the program initiated in the Word Association unit of Communication. One of the most important variables in the training is Activation and Arousal, which is an extremely important variable. The training is a time-honored tradition in the field of sensory education, a tradition historically through Montessori, Seguin, and Itard.

Piaget has shown that for young children, the old saying "out of sight, out of mind" is quite applicable. Normal young children and older children lose interest in an object which later disappears behind a screen when the object has disappeared in thin air. They fail to look for it behind the screen when they have ample opportunity to do so.

One way to combat the "out of sight, out of mind" tendency is by training a powerful orienting response (Activation and Arousal). This training and Arousal was developed in this artistically conceived program which you have experienced as an adult in the course of witnessing a magic act. For example, as the lady was being sawed in half, didn't you visualize her body and noticeably wince? You visualized and vicariously experienced the scene. It was probably so compelling, in fact, that you could see the scene in your mind's eye. And this image remained with you throughout the act.

This program, in the service of Activation and Arousal, is the best features of a skillfully executed magic act. As in the case of the "victim" of the magician's saw, the objects, rendered all the more interesting by reinforcing through carefully guided auditory, tactual and visual stimuli, the objects of a sustained orienting reaction during the instruction, were covered with the cloth. The subjects, therefore, neither forgot the visual and auditory properties.

The program, then, entails the most basic and fundamental training in readiness and memory. This is a form of readiness training that will prepare the child for subsequent instruction, whether cognitive or behaviorist.

For further discussion refer to Section IV.

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of Gross Sounds

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an object disappear behind a screen lose interest in it and act as if it
is gone. They fail to look for it behind the screen, even when given
instructions to do so.

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ing response (Activation and Arousal). To understand how Activa-
tion is developed in this artistically conceived sequence, consider what
it is like as an adult in the course of witnessing a top-flight magic show.
If a lady was being sawed in half, didn't you imagine the blade severing
her? You visualized and vicariously experienced this hidden
action so compelling, in fact, that you could hardly resist experi-
encing it. And this image remained with you until the end of the

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the elements of a skillfully executed magic act. As in the case of the female
magician's saw, the objects, rendered all the more interesting and
valuable by carefully guided auditory, tactual and visual experiences, were
maintained orienting reaction during the interval in which they were
absent. The subjects, therefore, neither forgot the objects or their
properties.

This, then, entails the most basic and fundamental lessons in attention
and is a form of readiness training that will pay off in almost any form
of instruction, whether cognitive or behavioristic.

For further discussion refer to Section IV.

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OBJECTIVE: Comprehension of instructions given on record.
Development of imitative behavior.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. Children and teacher are seated at table.
2. Teacher says, "you're tired, you've been sitting so long--let's stand up and exercise."
3. Teacher and children stand up and exercise.
4. Put record on "Nothing to Do."
5. As record goes through marching, jumping, reaching up and down, etc., teacher models activities and children imitate.
6. If child is unable to do activity, teacher assists child to complete.

COMMUNICATION

C. RECEPTIVE UNDERSTANDING

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on record.
of imitative

PREREQUISITE(S): The ability to listen
and to have some
mobility.

ADDITIONAL METHODS

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Not applicable.
2. For children who do not respond to verbal command to stand, the teacher takes their hands and assists them in standing.
3. Learning receptive understanding of command "stand up."
4. Not applicable.
5. Some children start marching with teacher to record, but assistance is given to those who need it by taking their hands to begin them marching. When jumping direction is played on record, teacher models jumping which children start imitating. Some may watch without jumping.
6. Teacher holds non-jumper under armpits and jumps up and down with him.

1.

One child
responds to
verbal com-
mand and one
is assisted.



2.

Exercise
continue

"Let's stand up and exercise."

3.

Children
follow di-
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record.
Teacher
provides
assistance.



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"So he marched and he marched."



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Exercise
continues.

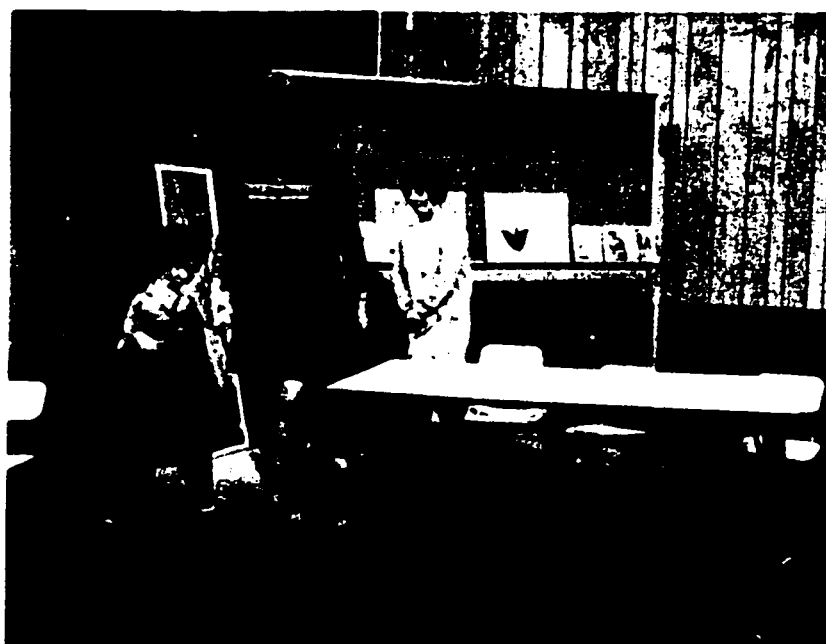


and up and exercise."



4.

Marching
continues.



ched and he marched."

COMMENTS: Receptive Understanding

This instructional plan, along with the Orff-Schulwerk development and utilization of imitation for instructional purposes, a point of similarity is that it exploits the possibilities of music for the stimulation of imitation. Also, it employs music and movement that are both activating and reinforcing for the child.

Even in the brief account of the demonstration there is a procedure that can produce the desired results. In step #5 of Instructional Learning Activities, we see how some children begin to learn from the teacher's actions. Even though a child may not overtly respond to the activity and may learn something from it.

Unlike Orff, this plan utilizes a record rather than a teacher. This could constitute an advantage in that the teacher is present to provide structure. The lively story and musical background provided by the record would elicit the children's active participation. It seems quite likely that using the record would help "carry" the activity--would require much less teacher than does Orff. It is also likely that the record could be used without loss of interest and for some, with even an enhancement of interest.

RECORD: "NOTHING TO DO"

Once there was a little boy who had nothing to do. He didn't want to play with his toys, or look at his books or go out to play. He sat thinking for a long time, swinging his feet. As he watched them going back and forth, back and forth, he got an idea! How many things could he do with his hands!

1. Marching -

So he marched and he marched, he paraded all around. He marched down, in and out, up and down, turn-a-bout. He marched from room to room. He marched everywhere. He paraded in the kitchen, in the parlor, in the bedrooms, in the hall. He said "That's enough. It's time to stop." So he marched and he marched, he paraded all around, in the kitchen, in the parlor, in the bedrooms, in the hall and said "That's enough. It's time to stop." But he didn't stop for long....

COMMENTS: Receptive Understanding

al plan, along with the Orff-Schulwerk unit, emphasizes the
on of imitation for instructional purposes. An additional
that it exploits the possibilities of the group experience
imitation. Also, it employs music and rhythm, activities
and reinforcing for the child.

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ded all around, in the kitchen, in the parlor, in
the hall and said "That's enough. It's time to
didn't stop for long....

COMMENTS (Cont'd.)

2. Jumping -

....and then he jumped and jumped so very high, so very high. He jumped and jumped and jumped jumped and stopped for a breath. Then he went jumping until he could jump no more.

3. Tip-toe

....Then he tip-toed here and he tip-toed there and fro, not too fast, not too slow. He tip-toed a sound. Tip-toe here and tip-toe there, in the parlor, in the bedrooms, in the hall. He said, it's time to stop."

4. Skating -

....and he pretended there was ice all over the skating, skating on the ice. Round and round, and round, smoothly glide. He skated everywhere on the ice. Round and round, gently slide. Round and round, gently slide. Until he said, "I'll have to stop. The

"Now let me see. How many things can I do with

So he reached to the sky and he touched toes at the sky and he touched toes. Up and down. Up and down. Too much for me. Stop! Stop! Stop!"

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skating on the ice. Round and round, gently slide. Round
smoothly glide. He skated everywhere, skating, skating
. Round and round, gently slide. Round and round, smoothly
til he said, "I'll have to stop. There's no more ice."

he see, How many things can I do with my arms and hands."

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for me. Stop! Stop! Stop!"

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develop variability and spontaneity in behavior. This is not to

say that such traits cannot be fostered with the present plan, however, that they are given relatively greater emphasis in Orff's system. Spontaneity, variability, and inventiveness represent values at the heart of Orff as an aesthetic and philosophical system. It is important to recognize that these values may be powerful determinants of Orff's approaches and interprets her own work.

Viewed specifically as classroom activities, this unit is more than Orff under various circumstances and with certain objectives. The emphasis on Subjective Factors is to bring out the point that, for oneself to Orff, he does not simply incorporate an instructional philosophy but "buys" a philosophy with a powerfully ingrained conviction. As with any other philosophic position, this could be an advantage or disadvantage depending upon how it is reacted to and changed. That which becomes formalized and codified carries with it the danger that it must eventually defend it as a form of quasi-religious system to criticism and revision. The flexibility built into Orff's system permits this to happen. In any event, the present unit should be subject to the kinds of revision and improvement dictated by practical experience with it to mentally retarded children.

For further discussion refer to Section IV.

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As classroom activities, this unit may function better in circumstances and with certain objectives in mind. The purpose is to bring out the point that when one commits himself to simply incorporate an instructional plan, he identifies his philosophy with a powerfully ingrained value system of its own philosophic position, this could constitute an advantage upon how it is reacted to and channeled. Any approach that is codified carries with it the danger that its disciples see it as a form of quasi-religious system that does not admit of flexibility. The flexibility built into Orff will probably not permit, in any event, the present unit should readily be subject to improvement dictated by practical experience in applying it to children.

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UNIT 4

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- B. Nose Blowing

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The following are important rules of th

Teach one skill at a time.

It is best to teach one task at a time so the child is not confused and be unable to determine what to do next.

Teach new skills only when he has mastered the previous skill.

The child may learn rapidly and move from one task to another. However, in order to avoid frustration, progress to the next skill only when the child is ready. He should be able to do what is required before begin teaching the next task.

Make your directions as simple and clear as possible.

Use simple language and exaggerate the important parts of what is to do.

Reinforce (reward) the desired behavior immediately.

As soon as the child has done what is required, give him a reward. Don't delay--help him know what he has done right.

Work gradually.

Fit your demands to the learning level of the child. To teach part of the skill at a time. Start with what you wish, and require more skill as the child's ability improves.

SELF-HELP SKILLS

A. SELF-HELP TRAINING

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another. However, in order to avoid the child's becoming confused and
progress to the next skill only when he has mastered what you are teaching
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ing the next task.

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your demands to the learning ability of the child. It is often necessary
rt of the skill at a time. At first reward even poor attempts to do what
nd require more skill as the child gains confidence and ability.

Try to give a great deal of practice.

It is best to allow the child as much the day, as possible, so don't make such demands

Give social reinforcement along with food reward

Your approval can be a powerful motivator. Give food reinforcement at first, and then reduce this less often, but continue social reinforcement. When responses for your approval only, he has become independent of the aims of this program. It may be necessary to teach skills are to be taught, but again reduce this dependence for your approval.

NOTE: It is important that the child master each skill before moving on to the next skill.

BEHAVIOR TARGETS

ATTENTION

- I. Looks at you when name is called

COMING TO YOU

- I. At least one step toward you:
 - a. with a tug on shoulder plus
 - b. light touch on shoulder plus
 - c. gesture plus spoken direction
 - d. spoken direction only

al of practice.

o allow the child as much practice during the session, and during
so don't make such demands that he cannot practice what he knows.

ent along with food rewards.

l can be a powerful motivator for the child. Give both social and
first, and then reduce the food given. That is, begin giving food
ue social reinforcement. When the child will make the desired
roval only, he has become a more socialized person, which is one
ogram. It may be necessary to reintroduce food rewards when new
t, but again reduce this as the child shows that he will work

that the child master each of these before progressing to the

BEHAVIOR TAUGHT

you when name is called.

one step toward you:

n a tug on shoulder plus spoken direction
nt touch on shoulder plus spoken direction
ture plus spoken direction
ken direction only

COMING TO YOU (Cont'd.)

- II. At least 5 feet toward you:
 - a. with gesture plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only

SITTING DOWN

- I. Will sit down when standing in front of a c
 - a. with a gentle push on top of shoulder p
 - b. with a light touch on top of shoulder p
 - c. with a downward gesture plus spoken dir
 - d. with spoken direction only
- II. Moves at least 5 feet to chair and sits down
 - a. with a sweeping downward gesture plus s
 - b. with spoken direction only
- III. With teacher at least 5 feet from child and chair, will sit down:
 - a. with downward gesture plus spoken direc
 - b. with spoken direction only

REMAINING SEATED

- I. Child will remain seated for 10 seconds, w front of him, using:
 - a. gesture for "stay" plus spoken direction
 - b. gesture plus spoken direction
 - c. spoken direction only

5 feet toward you:

gesture plus spoken direction
direction only

down when standing in front of a chair:

a gentle push on top of shoulder plus spoken direction
a light touch on top of shoulder plus spoken direction
a downward gesture plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

least 5 feet to chair and sits down:

a sweeping downward gesture plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

her at least 5 feet from child and child at least 5 feet from
sit down:

downward gesture plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

remain seated for 10 seconds, with teacher standing in
him, using:

re for "stay" plus spoken direction, plus restraining touch
re plus spoken direction
direction only

REMAINING SEATED (Continued)

- II. Child will remain seated for 10 sec away, using:
 - a. gesture plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only
- III. Child will remain seated for 1 minu away, using:
 - a. gesture plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only

STANDING UP

- I. Will stand up with teacher directly:
 - a. a gentle lift under arm or shoulder
 - b. a light touch and gesture plus spoken direction
 - c. upward gesture plus spoken direction
 - d. spoken direction only
- II. Will stand up with teacher at least:
 - a. with upward gesture plus spoken direction
 - b. with spoken direction only

UNDRESSING: T-SHIRT

- I. Shirt off the child except for one arm; shirt off the rest of the way with:
 - a. pulling slightly at shirt, plus spoken direction
 - b. giving spoken direction only

tinued)

will remain seated for 10 seconds, with teacher at least 5 feet
sing:

ture plus spoken direction
ken direction only

will remain seated for 1 minute, with teacher at least 5 feet
sing:

ture plus spoken direction
ken direction only

and up with teacher directly in front, with:

entle lift under arm or shoulder plus spoken direction
light touch and gesture plus spoken direction
ard gesture plus spoken direction
ken direction only

and up with teacher at least 5 feet away:

h upward gesture plus spoken direction
h spoken direction only

ff the child except for one shoulder and arm. Child takes
ff the rest of the way with teacher:

ling slightly at shirt, plus spoken direction
ling spoken direction only

UNDRESSING: T-SHIRT (Cont'd.)

- II. Shirt half-way off (pulled over with teacher:
 - a. pulling slightly at shirt,
 - b. giving spoken direction only
- III. Shirt completely on, with teacher:
 - a. pulling slightly at shirt,
 - b. spoken direction only

DRESSING: T-SHIRT

- I. Shirt on except for one remaining. He will push it through with:
 - a. a push on his arm, plus spoken
 - b. spoken direction only
- II. Shirt on, except for one empty:
 - a. push on the arm, plus spoken
 - b. spoken direction only
- III. Shirt over head, both sleeves:
 - a. lightly touching the arms,
 - b. spoken direction only
- IV. Hand shirt to child with bottom over his head and puts arms in:
 - a. gently guiding the direction
 - b. spoken direction only
- V. Shirt handed to child. He must:
 - a. with necessary guidance by
 - b. spoken direction only

IRT (Cont'd.)

rt half-way off (pulled over head, but both arms in sleeves)
n teacher:

pulling slightly at shirt, plus spoken direction
giving spoken direction only

rt completely on, with teacher:

pulling slightly at shirt, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

T

rt on except for one remaining sleeve. Child's hand in the sleeves.
will push it through with:

a push on his arm, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

rt on, except for one empty sleeve:

push on the arm, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

rt over head, both sleeves empty. Pulls shirt on with teacher:

lightly touching the arms, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

d shirt to child with bottom opened toward him. He then pulls shirt
r his head and puts arms in sleeves, with teacher:

gently guiding the direction of the shirt plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

rt handed to child. He must locate the bottom of it and put it on:

with necessary guidance by teacher, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

UNDRESSING: TROUSERS

- I. Begin with elastic-banded boxer shorts. trousers nearly off; over one foot only.
 - a. placing child's hands on trousers and plus spoken direction
 - b. pointing to trousers, plus spoken direction
 - c. spoken direction only
- II. Seated, trousers at both knees. Removes
 - a. pointing at trousers plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only
- III. Either seated or standing, trousers all when teacher:
 - a. points at trousers plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only

DRESSING: TROUSERS

- I. Begin with elastic-banded boxer shorts on child's hips. Child should pull them th
 - a. giving the pants a small tug upward,
 - b. spoken direction only
- II. Pants on child, pulled up to knees. He on, with teacher:
 - a. giving the pants a small tug upward,
 - b. spoken direction only
- III. Both legs in pants, but pulled up to and the rest of the way on, with teacher:
 - a. giving small tug on pants, plus spoken
 - b. spoken direction only

elastic-banded boxer shorts. Child should be seated, with
off; over one foot only. He removes pants, with teacher:

Child's hands on trousers and helping him pull them off,
direction
trousers, plus spoken direction
action only

Child sits at both knees. Removes them with teacher:

trousers plus spoken direction
action only

Child stands, trousers all the way up. Takes pants off

trousers plus spoken direction
action only

Child wears elastic-banded boxer shorts or jeans. Pull pants up to
Child should pull them the rest of the way on, with teacher:

Pulls pants a small tug upward, plus spoken direction
action only

Pants pulled up to knees. He pulls them the rest of the way
on:

Pulls pants a small tug upward, plus spoken direction
action only

Pants pulled up to ankles only. Child pulls them
the rest of the way on, with teacher:

Pulls pants a small tug on pants, plus spoken direction
action only

DRESSING: TROUSERS (Cont'd.)

- IV. Child should be seated. One leg in pants. Child puts free foot in pants leg and instructions are:
 - a. touching free foot and pointing to direction
 - b. spoken direction only
- V. Child seated. Hand him his pants, with feet in and pulls them up, with teacher.
 - a. touching the feet and pointing to
 - b. spoken direction only
- VI. Child seated. Pants handed to him for them on:
 - a. with teacher pointing to the top of
 - b. spoken direction only

UNDRESSING: SOCKS

- I. Start with sock on toe. Child removes it.
 - a. placing child's hands on sock and
 - b. spoken direction only
- II. Sock halfway on foot. Child removes it.
 - a. pointing to sock plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only
- III. Sock completely on one foot. Child removes it.
 - a. pointing to sock, plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only
- IV. Both socks on feet. Child removes them.
 - a. pointing to socks, plus spoken direction
 - b. spoken direction only

RS (Cont'd.)

ld should be seated. One leg in pants only. Other foot free.
ld puts free foot in pants leg and pulls the pants up. Teacher's
tructions are:

touching free foot and pointing to the pants leg, plus spoken
direction
spoken direction only

ld seated. Hand him his pants, with the top opened. He puts both
t in and pulls them up, with teacher:

touching the feet and pointing to the pants legs, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

ld seated. Pants handed to him folded, and he locates the top and puts
m on:

with teacher pointing to the top of the trousers, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

S

rt with sock on toe. Child removes sock with teacher:

placing child's hands on sock and removing it, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

k halfway on foot. Child removes it, with teacher:

pointing to sock plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

k completely on one foot. Child removes it, with teacher:

pointing to sock, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

h socks on feet. Child removes them, with teacher:

pointing to socks, plus spoken direction
spoken direction only

DRESSING: SOCKS

- I. Start with sock on except that it ne
Child pulls it up, with teacher:
 - a. placing child's hands on the sock
direction
 - b. pointing to sock, plus spoken di
 - c. spoken direction only
- II. Sock halfway on. Child pulls it the
 - a. pointing to the sock, plus spoke
 - b. spoken direction only
- III. Sock hanging on toes only. Child pu
 - a. pointing to the sock, plus spoke
 - b. spoken direction only
- IV. Hand sock to child, with the top op
 - a. helping him to put it over the
 - b. pointing to the top of the sock
 - c. spoken direction only

h sock on except that it needs to be pulled up on the ankle.
ls it up, with teacher:

ng child's hands on the sock and pulling it up, plus spoken
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n direction only

way on. Child pulls it the rest of the way up, with the teacher:

ing to the sock, plus spoken direction
n direction only

ing on toes only. Child pulls it on, with teacher:

ing to the sock, plus spoken direction
n direction only

to child, with the top opened. He puts it on with the teacher:

ng him to put it over the toes, plus spoken direction
ing to the top of the sock, plus spoken direction
n direction only

SELF-HELP SKILL

B. NOSE BLOWING

OBJECTIVE: To expel air from the nasal passage.

PREP

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. Awareness of problem:
 - a. Take child to mirror.
 - b. Sneeze while looking into mirror.
 - c. Demonstrate (dramatically) displeasure at own appearance.
 - d. Blow nose with large handkerchief.
 - e. Give help to child, saying, "You need to blow your nose too."
2. Awareness of facial parts:
 - a. Show child large animal pictures of toy animals and discuss face parts.
 - b. Take child's hand and touch teacher's nose, chin, and mouth while discussing these parts.
 - c. Take child's hand and touch his nose, chin, and mouth while naming them at the same time.
 - d. Put masking tape on nose of teacher and child. Teacher removes tape from her nose and ask child to remove his.
3. Awareness of sensation:
 - a. Stand and model behavior of inhaling through the mouth and exhaling through the nose. Put child's hand on teacher's chin to experience motion of chin going up and down as mouth opens and closes and to feel the air coming from the nose.

SELF-HELP SKILLS

B. NOSE BLOWING

el air from the
passage.

PREREQUISITE(S): Awareness of self and others. Some ability to attend. Existence of problem.

ADDITIONAL METHODS

problem:
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to child, saying, "You
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ts.
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time.
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the mouth and exhaling through
Put child's hand on teacher's
experience motion of chin going
own as mouth opens and closes
eel the air coming from the nose.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Awareness of problem:
 - a. Child looks at self in mirror.
 - b. Child looks at adult in mirror.
 - c. Same as b.
 - d. Same as b.
 - e. Child puts handkerchief to nose. He then receives reinforcement.
2. Awareness of facial parts.
 - a. Child looks.
 - b. Child feels teacher's nose, chin, mouth.
 - c. Child feels own nose, chin, mouth.
 - d. Child pulls tape and is rewarded by praise.
3. Awareness of sensation:
 - a. Child watches; child feels motion and air.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

3. Awareness of sensation: (Cont'd.) 3.
 - b. Teacher helps child to hold hand against his own chin and experience the above sensations.
 - c. "Now put your hand on your chin and see if you can feel the air."
4. Kleenex on card held in mouth. 4.
 - a. Teacher holds 3x5 card in mouth (between teeth), places a small piece of rolled Kleenex on card and blows it off.
 - b. Teacher encourages the child to imitate the activity.
 - c. Teacher provides a reinforcement.
5. Blow Kleenex -
 - a. Teacher holds a Kleenex in front of own face and blows to make the Kleenex flutter.
 - b. Teacher encourages the child to imitate this activity.
 - c. Teacher provides the reinforcement.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

3.
 - b. Child feels own chin.
 - c. Child puts hand on own chin, feels air and is rewarded.
4.
 - a. Child watches.
 - b. Child imitates activity.
 - c. Child receives reward.
5.
 - a. Child watches.
 - b. Child imitates activity.
 - c. Child receives reward.

FEATHER GAME

Activities to stimulate and encourage blowing through

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. Feather Activity 1.
 - a. Teacher holds feather under her own nose and blows. a.
 - b. Teacher holds feather under the child's nose. b.
 - c. Teacher provides a reinforcement (food, praise, enjoyment of activity, etc.) for successive approximations. c.
2. Ping-Pong Ball in Pie Plate 2.
 - a. Teacher holds the pie plate under her own nose and blows the ping-pong ball around the pie plate. a.
 - b. Teacher encourages child to imitate the activity. b.
 - c. Teacher provides reinforcement as in 1.c. c.
3. Mirror 3.
 - a. Teacher holds mirror to own nose and blows to make steam on mirror. a.
 - b. Teacher encourages child to imitate activity. b.
 - c. Teacher provides reinforcement as in 1.c. c.

FEATHER GAME

ulate and encourage blowing through the nose.

ADDITIONAL METHODS

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to make steam on mirror.
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ovides reinforcement as

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1.
 - a. Child watches feather moving.
 - b. Child attempts to blow feather.
 - c. Child continues appropriate behavior.
2.
 - a. Child watches.
 - b. Child imitates activity.
 - c. Child continues appropriate behavior.
3.
 - a. Child watches steam.
 - b. Child imitates activity.
 - c. Child continues appropriate behavior.

1.



"Oh, look, you have to blow your nose too!"

3.



"Blow into my hand."

2.



ow your nose too!"

"Here is the bear's nose."

4.



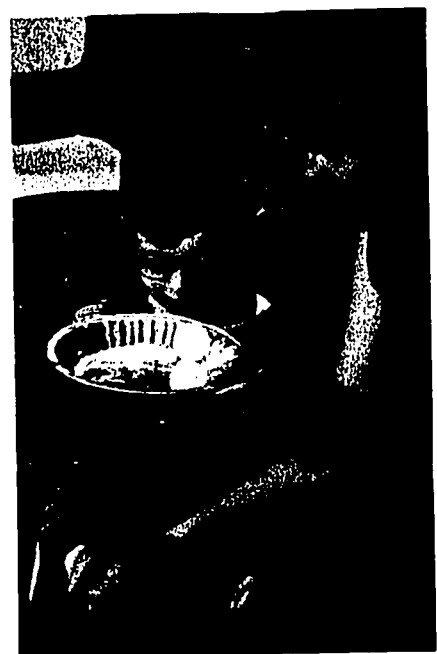
"Do you feel the air coming from my nose?"

5.



"Blow the feather with your nose."

7.



"Can you blow the ping-pong ball
around the pan?"



6.



leather with your nose."

"Blow steam on the mirror."



8.



blow the ping-pong ball
the pan?"

"Can you blow the Kleenex?"

9.



"Can you make the Kleenex flutter?"

B. NOSE BLOWING

NARRATIVE

General Program Overview

1. This is a program to stimulate an awareness of one's nose in order to be more socially acceptable.

Materials: Mirror... Masking tape... Kleenex
Large animal pictures with obvious noses
Pie plate... Index card... Cupcake

Time Requirement: dependent upon child's interest

Purchase price: Materials are readily available

2. No special training is required; written instructions and/or sibling could engage in these activities.
3. This program was developed in response to an inquiry from a group of Development Centers and State Hospitals where a large population could benefit by training in this area.
4. As a cooperative, innovative effort to offer a solution to a social problem. Therefore, no adaptive information is required.
5. This program is applicable to all children, whether or not they have physical limitations preventing blowing air. Blowing techniques can be effectively applied on an individual basis or with a small group.

Types of reinforcement for accomplishment might include:
a. Primary - candy, etc.
b. Secondary - social approval from attending staff
c. Self-satisfaction through personal comfort

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- 1 These are responses to the questions listed on the background.

B. NOSE BLOWING

NARRATIVE¹

General Program Overview

Program to stimulate an awareness for the need for an ability to blow in order to be more socially acceptable.

Materials: Masking tape... Kleenex... Flour with pie-tin... Flower... Large animal pictures with obvious noses... feather... Ping-pong ball... Plate... Index card... Cupcake with birthday candle...

Prerequisite: dependent upon child's interest span.

Equipment: Materials are readily available household items.

Training: Training is required; written instructions would be helpful. Parents could engage in these activities.

Development: Program was developed in response to an educational need; representatives of Centers and State Hospitals estimated that one-third of the pupils would benefit by training in this area.

Program: Creative, innovative effort to offer suggested programs for solving this problem; therefore, no adaptive information has been available.

Applicability: Program is applicable to all children, with the possible exception of those whose physical limitations prevent blowing air through the nose. Operant conditioning techniques can be effectively applied. Training should be on a one-to-one basis or in a small group.

Reinforcement: Reinforcement for accomplishment might be: candy, etc.

Approval: - social approval from attending adult.
Satisfaction: Satisfaction through personal comfort.

Responses: Responses to the questions listed on pages 2 and 3, plus additional

6. This program is yet to be evaluated. An initial charting indicates the potential for success.
7. Selection of this problem serves to illustrate which there are no known adaptable programs, between the cracks of existing programs, and practical solutions need to be developed.
8. There is a frustrating problem which exists among children. That is the child who cannot blow

Out of our group representing approximately 2900 needed training in clearing of the nasal

Our objective was to select from the intricate only one segment that we felt was critical, and present them to the child through modeling and physical contact as the social reinforcement approximation of the steps of the task.

The subject chosen to demonstrate the program was a retarded child with no speech. He was able to be a happy pleasant child, he was attentive and cooperative.

9. There are many aspects in the process of blowing. The awareness of a problem to the appropriate use of the many aspects of this total process we have that of blowing mucous from the nasal passage through the mouth is one of the initial steps.
10. In order for the child to blow his nose, he must hold his mouth and exhale through his nose. This step is the sensation of air passing in the mouth and to hold your hand over the child's mouth in order to feel the nose thereby enabling him to experience the

et to be evaluated. An initial observation through frequency
s the potential for success.

problem serves to illustrate the wide range of problems for
o known adaptable programs, i.e., those problems which fall
s of existing programs, and for which creative and imaginative
as need to be developed.

ating problem which exists among those who work with retarded
s the child who cannot blow his nose.

representing approximately 2700 children, it was estimated that
ng in clearing of the nasal passage.

to select from the intricate process of blowing one's nose
that we felt was critical, break it down into sequential steps
to the child through modeling and imitation. We chose praise
ct as the social reinforcement to be used on each successive
the steps of the task.

a to demonstrate the program was a ten-year old mentally
h no speech. He was able to imitate single sounds. A
ld, he was attentive and cooperative.

ects in the process of blowing one's nose from the child's aware-
to the appropriate use of the handkerchief or Kleenex. Out of
of this total process we have chosen to expand the most critical,
acous from the nasal passage. Focusing attention on the nose and
e initial steps.

child to blow his nose, he must learn to inhale deeply through his
through his nose. This step is designed to create an awareness of
air passing in the mouth and out the nose. It may be necessary to
er the child's mouth in order to force him to exhale through his
ing him to experience the sensation.

NARRATIVE (Cont'd.)

11. We chose but a few of a wide variety of activities to child's ability to blow air through the nasal passage of these activities was unimportant. A wide variety sented in order to determine those which appeal the m blowing of the nose has been satisfactorily accomplis can be used to deepen the pattern. It should be emph only a small but critical part of the total process o blow his nose appropriately into a handkerchief.

of a wide variety of activities to help shape and improve the blow air through the nasal passage. The order of presentation was unimportant. A wide variety of activities should be predetermined those which appeal the most to the child. Once has been satisfactorily accomplished, these same activities even the pattern. It should be emphasized again that this is critical part of the total process of teaching a child how to appropriately into a handkerchief.

SELF-HELP SKILLS: M

INSTRUCTIONAL I

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in de

This unit will be useful in describing meth mucous. If the child can learn to clear hi to realizing and learning the goals and rew habits.

2. Describe how this unit will be useful in st

The purpose is to develop functional awaren can result with an accomplished task. It o the media of games. Personal attention pos ness of air going outward through the nose of appropriate placement of mucous as a was

3. Describe how this unit will contribute to m

By personal one-to-one example and use of t

4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation dire

This unit's theoretical orientation is dire

- a. Example: blowing the nose
- b. Basic behavior should be changed
- c. Social acceptance

5. Is the unit's theoretical orientation (1) b (3) eclectic? Explain.

Because the child will respond to a command orientation would be termed behavioristic.

SELF-HELP SKILLS: NOSE BLOWING

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

This unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

be useful in describing methods to help a child clear his nose of
child can learn to clear his nose, he will be another step nearer
d learning the goals and rewards of self-grooming and better health

This unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

to develop functional awareness of his nose. Pride and satisfaction
an accomplished task. It offers pleasurable experiences through
mes. Personal attention positively reinforces. It develops aware-
ng outward through the nose and nasal passage. It develops awareness
placement of mucous as a waste product.

This unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

-to-one example and use of the mirror.

theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

oretical orientation is direct, with resultant indirect overlays:

blowing the nose
rior should be changed
ptance

theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or
Explain.

ld will respond to a command of "Blow," this unit's theoretical
ld be termed behavioristic.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS (Cont'd.)

6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer of training.

This unit provides for the transfer of training. When the child blows his nose on command, he may then expand on this skill by using Kleenex when his nasal passage needs clearing. After the child learns to blow his nose, he can use the Kleenex.

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training areas.

Other training areas include:

- a. Speech
- b. Hearing
- c. Feeding and eating
- d. Control of drooling
- e. Grooming
- f. Health habits

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the child's physical condition or personality.

Since the modality is based on a one-to-one teaching technique and/or personality is considered,

LEVELS (Cont'd.)

How the unit provides for the transfer of training.

provides for the transfer of training because when the child is able to
nose on command, he may then expand to the task of going and getting a
when his nasal passage needs clearing. Negative transfer may occur if
child learns to blow his nose, he doesn't acquire the skill of using
ex.

How this unit relates to other training areas.

Training areas include:

ng
ng and eating
bl of drooling
ng
a habits

How this unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique
ability.

modality is based on a one-to-one modeling situation, the instructor's
technique and/or personality is critical to the success of this unit.

Materials

Feather

Pie Plate

Masking Tape

Tea Kettle

Mirror

Tissues

Ping-Pong Ball

Toy Animals

COMMENTS: Nose Blowing

This program is a gem. It demonstrates what pe
significant problem and experience in working with reta
of a collaborative effort. As indicated by the accompa
the practical demonstration with a retarded child was h

Clearly, this program stresses Modeling and Imi
ing. Correct responses are followed immediately with s
application of operant conditioning principles. The in
specific and the program approaches it directly. Even
other learning never occurs, the practical results just

The subtleties of the program from the standpoi
relate to the various ways in which the concept of awar
gories of "awareness of facial parts and awareness of t
teristically cognitive orientation. The use of masking
methods used by Kephart (1969) in body awareness traini

Although awareness of facial parts may seem a n
training, it should be pointed out that this constitute
process whereby this particular learning takes place.
child that he "needs" to blow his nose. Does he really
chin, and mouth in order to learn nose blowing? Does i
Or is it a redundancy that may, nonetheless, provide sc
Answers to these questions must await a practical evalu

The question of awareness is seen at a more bas
"awareness of sensation." Here the child, through a-co
and modeling, is put through a motor sequence which ins
excludes nasal inhalation, a response incompatible with
Discrimination of the correct direction of the respirat
having the child feel the stream of expelled air. In a
feather, ping-pong ball, mirror (steam) and Kleenex pro
consequences of nasal exhalation that effectively reinf

COMMENTS: Nose Blowing

is a gem. It demonstrates what people with an awareness of a and experience in working with retarded children can evolve out effort. As indicated by the accompanying sequence of photographs, stration with a retarded child was highly successful.

is program stresses Modeling and Imitation as a modality for teach- ses are followed immediately with social reinforcement, a correct ant conditioning principles. The instructional objective is highly ogram approaches it directly. Even if transfer of training to occurs, the practical results justify the training effort.

les of the program from the standpoints of both theory and practice as ways in which the concept of awareness has been used. The cate- s of facial parts and awareness of the problem" reflect a charac- ve orientation. The use of masking tape relates closely to similar hart (1969) in body awareness training.

areness of facial parts may seem a natural prerequisite to such be pointed out that this constitutes an assumption regarding the s particular learning takes place. So also does instructing the s" to blow his nose. Does he really need to touch and name nose, order to learn nose blowing? Does it even facilitate such learning? y that may, nonetheless, provide some indirect kind of payoff? estions must await a practical evaluation of these procedures.

n of awareness is seen at a more basic level in the section on tion." Here the child, through a combination of physical prompts t through a motor sequence which insures nasal exhalation and ation, a response incompatible with successful nose blowing. ne correct direction of the respiratory response is cued by el the stream of expelled air. In addition, the use of the ball, mirror (steam) and Kleenex provide novel and entertaining al exhalation that effectively reinforce the act.

Yet, even at this level an assumption is awareness as a prerequisite to learning. That is suggested in step #3 of the narrative. Thus, "I over the child's mouth in order to force him to enabling him to experience the sensation." This involves an involuntary elicitation of the correct forms involuntarily, he does emit the correct response. This procedure, which is closely related, employs the timely application of positive reinforcement into a voluntary one. And in the response, the child can be made aware of the cue of escaping air. Thus, is prior training in awareness to success?

An even more direct and simple method (using tobacco) into the external nasal cavities to induce expels the air through the nasal cavities in the induced response can then be reinforced in repeated elicitations, it could be converted into

Because it involves the use of tobacco, unacceptable. But it does suggest what may be a such training. On the other hand, what the original it may more than make up for in terms of additional subsequent research findings indicate that identification be redundant, vis-a-vis learning nose blowing, on other grounds. Perhaps the nose blowing program out training in the identification of facial par critical conditions, such incidental benefits may program. The appropriate direction to take could benefit evaluation of the various direct and indirect alternative courses of action.

at this level an assumption is involved regarding the development of prerequisite to learning. That another alternative may be available is #3 of the narrative. Thus, "It may be necessary to hold your hand mouth in order to force him to exhale through his nose, thereby experience the sensation." This technique, unlike the preceding ones, voluntary elicitation of the correct response. Although the child performs, he does emit the correct response which can subsequently be reinforced, which is closely related to escape-avoidance conditioning, application of positive reinforcement, thereby converting an involuntary to a voluntary one. And in the course of performing the involuntary he can be made aware of the cue of exhalation by feeling the stream. Thus, is prior training in awareness of this cue truly a prerequisite

re direct and simple method might be to insert snuff (powdered external nasal cavities to induce sneezing. The sneeze reflexively through the nasal cavities in the fashion of nose blowing. This reflex-response can then be reinforced immediately. In this manner, with repeated, it could be converted into a voluntary response.

involves the use of tobacco, the "snuff" method would probably be it does suggest what may be a rapid and efficient "short-cut" to the other hand, what the original program may lack in efficiency, make up for in terms of additional benefits. For example, even if findings indicate that identifying nose, mouth, etc., proves to be a vis learning nose blowing, such training can be justified on perhaps the nose blowing program is an ideal setting for carrying the identification of facial parts. If time and efficiency are not factors, such incidental benefits may more than justify a more extensive appropriate direction to take could only be determined through a cost-benefit of the various direct and indirect benefits accruing from the action.

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UNIT 5

IMITATION¹

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ive Guide for the Instruction and Training of the Profoundly
ulti-Handicapped Children, Santa Cruz, California, August 1969.

IMITATION

Sometimes training is greatly facilitated by imitation. For example, we can think of training in the use of various physical cues, such as pinching the forefinger. On successive trials, we can gradually shape that the child himself would assume the correct position of the sound. The foregoing describes shaping.

Imitation is often much more efficient than the child readily imitated the way the teacher shaped her own behavior. The child could forego the necessary steps required to physically perform the action.

Some children have to be taught to imitate. We start with simple and obvious imitation of gross physical movements, such as reaching for a table, and then immediately rewarding the child when he imitates. Then we taught him to imitate increasingly complicated sequences of behavior. In return to the more complicated problem of speech imitation, we have established a general principle that can then apply to training for the production of speech. We can then apply the specifics for such a program. What is referred to is the child's progress in the development of imitation.

In the training sessions, three children were used. At first, the teacher did nothing more than to pick up a bit of snack for herself from a bowl. Then we used another teacher to do as the model teacher. The children picked up a bit of snack in their own cups.

Then the second teacher took charge of the food only when the child imitated the particular behavior that was the subject of training. In other words, the child was given a snack whenever he imitated the model behavior--raising the arms, leaning to one side, etc. As the training passed to more detailed motor imitation, the teacher

IMITATION

Training is greatly facilitated through the development of generalized imitation. For example, we can think of training a child to make the "m" sound through physical cues, such as pinching his lips together with our thumb and forefinger. In successive trials, we can gradually "fade out" this physical prompt so that the child himself would assume the correct positioning of his lips for the production of the sound. The foregoing describes shaping of a speech sound.

Imitation is often much more efficient than shaping. For example, if the child imitates the way the teacher shaped her own lips to make the "m" sound, she does not need the necessary steps required to physically prompt him.

Children have to be taught to imitate. We can start out with some very simple imitations of gross physical movements, e.g., slapping the top of the head, and immediately rewarding the child when he does likewise. Once we have established simple imitations, we can move on to increasingly complicated sequences of physical movements, and finally to the more complicated problem of speech imitation. In other words, through the development of generalized imitation, we have established a generalized tendency to imitate which we can use for training for the production of speech sounds. The following describes a program for such a program. What is referred to as a "probe" is simply a test of the child's progress in the development of imitation.

In training sessions, three children worked with a model teacher. During the sessions, the teacher did nothing more than sit down on a rug and take a snack for herself from a bowl. The children were prompted by the teacher to do as the model teacher had done, including taking a snack in their own cups.

The second teacher took charge of the snack bowl, and she provided a reward when the child imitated the part of the model teacher's behavior which was the subject of training. In early sessions, the child was rewarded with a snack whenever he imitated the model teacher's gross motor movements, such as raising the arms, leaning to one side, and the like. Later, the training passed to more detailed motor imitations and finally to speech.

IMITATION (Cont'd.)

Periodically, the model teacher tested each child on a complex performance. The tests consisted of three acts: a gross motor act, a fine motor act, and a verbal statement. For example: Probe I. Arms turned back, face frowning, statement: "During the test each child was reinforced if he imitated the gross motor act, whether he imitated the other acts or not."

As it turned out, the children imitated all three acts with increasing accuracy. They imitated best the gross motor act during training at the time, but they did not lose this ability earlier. So, when speech finally was added to the training, they began to imitate it reliably, and they continued to imitate gross, fine motor, and facial acts. This growing ability to observe and imitate a complex act, unreinforced, which was exactly the result we were looking for.

Once imitation of sentences is established, the teacher tests the child's ability to respond to questions. The following material was used:

The ultimate intent of imitation training was to develop the child's ability to listen to novel language performances. In one year, it was possible only to develop the child's ability to imitate fairly short sentences. If the program would have to increase the child's ability to imitate longer verbal performances. Whether that can be done is one subject of the current year's research. The program so far suggests that the extension of the program to complex statements is probably a practical possibility.

Any child may have a much more elaborate verbal repertoire than he demonstrates in a spontaneous account of some event. Whether we could bring that repertoire into use in the program, as well, we chose a child who was probably the best in the group.

y, the model teacher tested each child's ability to imitate a performance. The tests consisted of four acts: performed simultaneously, a gross motor act, a fine motor act, a facial expression, and a statement. For example: Probe I. Arms out to the side, palms of hands out back, face frowning, statement: "This too shall pass away." In each test each child was reinforced if he imitated the teacher's act, whether he imitated the other components of her performance.

And out, the children imitated all the teacher's actions with accuracy. They imitated best the act that was the subject of the test at the time, but they did not lose the skills they had learned previously. When speech finally was added to the training, the children imitated it reliably, and they continued at the same time to imitate fine motor, and facial acts. This apparently represented a child's ability to observe and imitate a complex performance, even when the test was complex, which was exactly the result we wanted.

When sentence length is established, the teacher proceeds to develop the child's ability to answer questions. The following material outlines such a program:

The intent of imitation training was to give the children the opportunity to listen to novel language performances and to repeat them. Initially, it was possible only to develop training to the point where the children consistently imitated fairly short sentences. To be useful, the program would have to increase the children's skill with longer and more complex verbal performances. Whether that can be done remains to be seen; this is the subject of the current year's research. But the success of the program so far suggests that the extension of verbal imitative skills to longer statements is probably a practical goal.

The children may have a much more elaborate verbal repertoire than he has in a spontaneous account of some happening. To find out how to bring that repertoire into use, and perhaps add to it, we chose a child who was probably the least articulate participant.

We began by finding out just how inarticulate he was. The teacher asked, repeatedly over a period of 13 days, five questions such as, "Who do you like to play with?" In answer to these questions, the child usually answered with one word or two yielding a grand average over repeated inquiries of one and one-half words per answer.

Then the teacher began training. She asked, "What did you see on the way to school?" When she prompted the boy's answers with "What else," he simply repeated one and two-word answers, alternating between the two responses, "A doggie" and "TV," and repeating the pair over and over.

When it had become clear that this pattern was not likely to change by itself, the teacher provided a more logical prompt: "What kind of doggie?" The boy replied that it was a German shepherd, and the teacher praised him and gave him a bit of snack. Then she asked again what he saw on the way to school. He answered, "A doggie." At this point, the teacher raised her eyebrows, cocked her head, and waited. Presently the child amended his answer: "A German shepherd doggie," and was praised and fed.

When the original question was asked again, with the reply, "A German shepherd doggie," the child was given a second prompt; the teacher asked what the doggie was doing. In this way the training proceeded, with the teacher prompting each logical step, waiting for all previous steps to be chained together in reasonable sequence, and reinforcing only increasingly long and meaningfully connected sequences. The child's average answer to this first question eventually rose to about 200 words per ten-minute session, which amounted to about 50 words per session if duplications were eliminated.

Then the teacher asked a new question, "What do you do when you go home from school?" The child's answer showed that he had profited from the training on the first question; therefore the teacher reduced her logical prompts and asked simply, "what else" or "what then," while continuing to dispense praise and snacks only for more and more elaborate phrases.

IMITATION



UNIT 6

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

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BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

A. EXTINGUISHING SELF-DESTRUCT

OBJECTIVE: To reduce self-destructive behavior by a combination of techniques; nonreinforcement of problem behavior and positive reinforcement of appropriate behavior.

PREREQ

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. Observe child over a period of time long enough to obtain a stable base line indicating frequency of selected problem behavior. 1.
2. Have available a means of controlling the time intervals between reinforcements (i.e., a universal timer). 2.
3. If the child exhibits the problem behavior, the teacher turns attention away from the child and returns the attention immediately when appropriate behavior begins (behavior incompatible with problem behavior). 3.
4. When the problem behavior ceases, the teacher reinforces the appropriate behavior with a primary reinforcer and timing begins. 4.
5. Gradually extend interval of time between the primary reinforcements (e.g. reinforce at 1st second, 3rd second, 5th second, etc.). 5.

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

A. EXTINGUISHING SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR

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2) Must have voluntary
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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Not applicable.
2. Not applicable.
3. The child will learn that the self-destructive behavior will not be rewarded.
4. When appropriate behavior is exhibited, the child is rewarded.
5. The child will associate the action with the problem behavior situation.

EXTINGUISHING SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR (Cont'd.)

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

6. When the child resumes the problem behavior, the teacher immediately turns away to avoid reinforcing the crisis (problem) behavior with her attention.
7. When problem behavior ceases, teacher immediately returns her attention to child but demands a longer period of nonoccurrence before beginning the primary reinforcement (i.e., 3 or 4 sec.). The reinforcement continues at lengthening intervals as nonoccurrence of problem behavior persists.
8. For evaluation purposes it is helpful if throughout the proceedings a record can be kept of the gradually extended intervals of nonoccurrence of the crisis behavior until the objective is achieved.
9. The goal is to have the teacher gradually fade herself out, thus eliminating the primary and the social reinforcement, so that the control of the crisis behavior is not dependent on the teacher's physical presence.
10. When the problem behavior is extinguished by this technique, other aspects of the teaching program can be approached.

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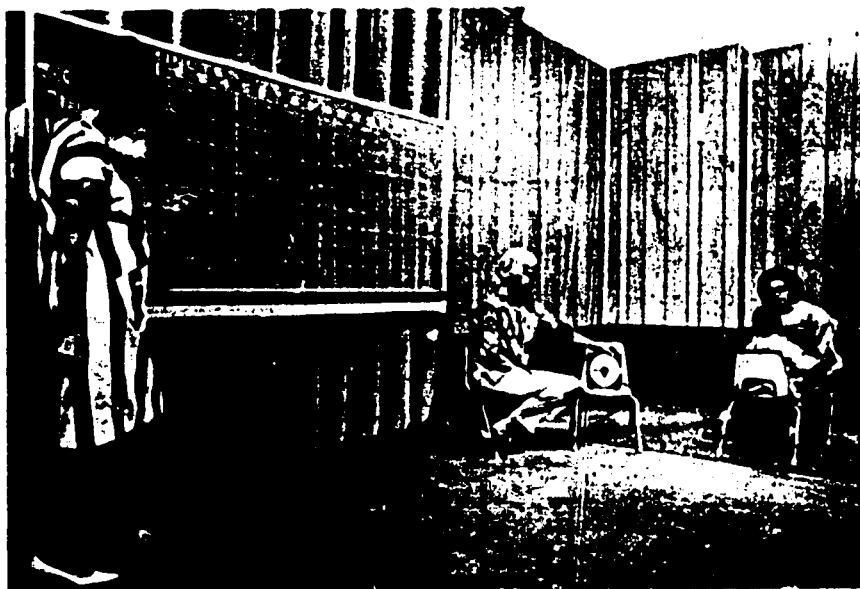
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9. The child is not motivated to
perform problem behavior.

10. Now a variety of learning activi-
ties can be carried out.

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Observe the child over a period of time, to obtain a stable base. (Note Universal timer.)

2.



Teacher turns away from child, returns when the appropriate time for extinction has passed.

3.

Child sitting quietly with hands still -- immediate behavior objective achieved.



Teacher returns her attention to child but demands a longer period of non-occurrence before beginning the primary reinforcement.

4.



Have available the time interval for the next session.

2.



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Note Universal

Teacher turns her attention away from the child, returning the attention immediately when the appropriate behavior begins. Extinction technique.

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Have available a means of controlling the time intervals between reinforcements.

NARRATIVE

Jill is a 5-year, 4-month old child who spends her head with her hands. Her mother is attempting to eliminate this behavior at mealtimes by withholding her food until her hands are no longer on her head. She is also working with Jill on feeding herself with a spoon.

Our objective, then, was to get Jill to sit for her head with her hands. We hoped to accomplish this by using a procedure of extinction combined with positive reinforcement for nonoccurrence. While the head-hitting occurred, the teacher turned away until the incompatible behavior (nonhead-hitting) began. Food reward started with a one second interval, gradually increasing in time before giving the reinforcements.

A Universal timer was used in giving us control over the reinforcement. One person operated the clock and cued the teacher for primary reinforcement.

During the procedure a chart-record was kept of the number of minutes when Jill was not hitting her head. A line drawn on the chart corresponding with the chart markings showed a definite decrease in head-hitting. Jill did not hit her head by the final minute of the procedure.

is a 5-year, 4-month old child who spends most of her time hitting her hands. Her mother is attempting to eliminate her head-hitting during withholding her food until her hands are held quietly in her lap. She is working with Jill on feeding herself with a spoon--getting her to reinforce

The objective, then, was to get Jill to sit for 30 seconds without hitting her hands. We hoped to accomplish this through an extinction technique with positive reinforcement for nonoccurrence of the head-hitting. When or head-hitting occurred, the teacher turned away--imposing a time-out period. When compatible behavior (nonhead-hitting) began--this was reinforced with a reward starting with a one second interval, gradually lengthening the intervals until giving the reinforcements.

A universal timer was used in giving us control over the timing of the reinforcement. One person operated the clock and cued the teacher when to give the reinforcement.

During the procedure a chart-record was kept of the number of seconds per minute Jill was not hitting her head. A line drawn across the chart and compared with the chart markings showed a definite rise in the time Jill did not hit her head by the final minute of the procedure.

EXTINGUISHING SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEH

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in dealing with
 - a. Immediate steps are necessary to reduce this type the child on the road to developmental tasks.
 - b. Basically the modification of behavior is essential and attention to the surrounding environment.
 - c. To be self-controlled and socially acceptable.
 - d. To begin steps toward regularity in daily personal life.
 - e. To accept gradual steps of responsibility in the neighborhood.
 - f. To establish rapport, communication, and useful personal and motor skills.
2. Describe how this unit will be useful in stimulating
 - a. Pursuit of "Means" to learn steps involving, -
 - Rapport, happiness, and success within group or community.
 - Opportunities to receive inputs through sensorimotor experience, seeing, hearing, touch, etc.
 - Conceptualizing intake,
 - Responding through singing, talking, verbalizing.
 - b. Initial areas of orientation, contact, attention, interest involvement and reinforcement.
3. Describe how this unit will contribute to modeling and

This may be considered as a practice in self-destructive behavior to a degree of boredom within the environment. - Areas of interest in an incidental fashion may be limited. - Establish and expand the use of patterns in modeling and imitation.
4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation direct or indirect?

This theory is based on direct behavior modification Management and Skinnerian Operant Conditioning.

EXTINGUISHING SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

This unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

Steps are necessary to reduce this type of crisis behavior and get on the road to developmental tasks.
The modification of behavior is essential to establish orientation to the surrounding environment.
-controlled and socially acceptable.
Steps toward regularity in daily personal life.
Gradual steps of responsibility in the home, in school and in the community.
Establish rapport, communication, and useful progress toward self-help skills.

This unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

"Means" to learn steps involving, -
- happiness, and success within group or environment,
- abilities to receive inputs through sensory modalities, i.e.,
- hearing, touch, etc.
- equalizing intake,
- singing through singing, talking, verbalizing,
- areas of orientation, contact, attention, sensory-motor integration,
- involvement and reinforcement.

This unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

Considered as a practice in self-destruction that indicates a basic freedom within the environment. - Areas of modeling and imitation in all fashion may be limited. - Establishment of self-control will result in patterns in modeling and imitation.

theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

based on direct behavior modification established by Crisis Intervention Operant Conditioning.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS (Cont'd.)

5. Is the unit's theoretical orientation (1) Cognitive
(3) Eclectic? Explain.

It is Eclectic because it encompasses both the beha

Behavioral
Ocular control
Inhibition
Imitation
Self-destruction

Cognitive
Perception (recognit
Readiness
Association
Memory

6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer of

Only if technique is used in a variety of settings
securely established.

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training a

After establishing a modicum of self-control and m
be given precision training in directed practice o

Particular and precise training in getting on and
Making use of gross areas of arms and legs and han
of a personal-need type.

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the in
or personality.

Items that lead to good teaching techniques in beh
a. Establish a base rate of overt behavior in the
b. Instructor avoids any technique that may reinf
behavior.
c. Checks for variation of base rate of behavior
or "changes of environment."
d. Instructor always uses positive methods of ob
measurement and rewards.

LS (Cont'd.)

theoretical orientation (1) Cognitive, (2) Behavioral, or Explain.

because it encompasses both the behavioral and cognitive areas.

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 Perception (recognition and discrimination)
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 Memory

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-need type.

this unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique
y.

ad to good teaching techniques in behavior modification:
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r always uses positive methods of objectivity, observation,
nt and rewards.

COMMENTS: Extinguishing Self

This instructional plan provides a sup modification in action. The descriptive mater procedural details and requires no further cla however, is the bearing of this program on The Factors. The procedure violates time honored both of these factors.

In the social context of the everyday against the implementation of this program. T education suggests that Jill is an "emotionally problem. It assumes that this "inside the head must be the focus of therapeutic effort. In o badly toward herself, presumably she will no l head-hitting. The present strategy violates a bypasses the so-called internal mental problem enforcement practices.

The theoretical question is only part o if not more important, is the subjective impac the teacher and other adults. This behavior i away from the child in the process of hitting precisely counter to those sympathetic feeling into teaching in the first place. These are d the unit successfully demonstrated was that in one must overtly express positive feelings sel one must become cold and detached. Rather, it understanding and self-discipline required to o for such expression. This problem is compounde order to inaugurate the program, must gain the the parents and other significant people in the aides and other students. She must understand this understanding to others. Fortunately, the procedure provides her with a means for conclus

COMMENTS: Extinguishing Self-Destructive Behavior

structional plan provides a superb demonstration of behavior action. The descriptive material covers all of the important details and requires no further clarification. What is left unsaid, bearing of this program on Theoretical Orientation and Subjective procedure violates time honored and cherished notions regarding actors.

ocial context of the everyday world, everything would operate mentation of this program. The general folklore of special ts that Jill is an "emotionally disturbed" child with a "mental" umes that this "inside the head" problem of "negative self-concept" s of therapeutic effort. In other words, if she stops feeling self, presumably she will no longer need to punish herself with he present strategy violates all of these notions in that it called internal mental problem and focuses instead upon rein- ces.

retical question is only part of the problem, however. Equally, rtant, is the subjective impact of self-destructive behavior on other adults. This behavior is bizzare and disturbing. Turning ild in the process of hitting herself is an action that goes r to those sympathetic feelings that motivate many people to go the first place. These are decent, humane impulses. Yet, what fully demonstrated was that in dealing with this kind of problem, express positive feelings selectively. This does not imply that cold and detached. Rather, it means that one must develop the d self-discipline required to discriminate the appropriate moment ion. This problem is compounded by the fact that the teacher, in ate the program, must gain the active support of her supervisor, other significant people in the environment including teaching students. She must understand what she is doing and communicate ng to others. Fortunately, the evaluation system built into the es her with a means for conclusively demonstrating its success.

COMMENTS (Cont'd.)

Hostile critics cannot long ignore such evidence. They may, however, attack the program on other grounds. For example, they may claim that it works but at the cost of a presumed psychic damage or side effect. The teacher can then counter with the demand for proof that damage of this kind ever occurs.

The preceding discussion points up, once again, an important fact about instructional objectives, i.e., it is one thing to specify an objective and to delineate a successful strategy for achieving it, it is quite another thing to implement it in the real world.

For further discussion on underlying theories of treatment, refer to Section IV.

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BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

B. AGGRESSIVE BEHAV

OBJECTIVE: To illustrate to the child that his aggressive behavior deprives him from pleasurable and rewarding classroom activities.

PRE

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. The problem behavior is charted until a stable base line is established. 1.
2. After establishing the base line, immediately upon demonstration of aggressive behavior, the child is removed by an adult who grasps the clothing at the shoulder, takes him to the seclusion area which is located away from the classroom. 2.
3. The child is left in seclusion for a preset time. At the end of the preset time, an adult will see if the behavior is appropriate before returning the child to classroom activity. 3.
4. Having displayed appropriate behavior, the child is returned to the classroom by an adult without giving any physical contact to the child so that the problem behavior is not reinforced. 4.
5. Seclusion for problem or aggressive behavior needs to be consistently practiced and must be utilized as often as necessary until objective is obtained.
6. Objective is achieved, i.e., in comparison with the base line, the rate of the aggressive behavior is significantly reduced.

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

B. AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

to illustrate to the child that his aggressive behavior deprives him from pleasurable and rewarding classroom activities.

PREREQUISITE: Able to hear, follow direction, control fine motor skills.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Problem behavior is charted until base line is established.

Establishing the base line, only upon demonstration of the behavior, the child is by an adult who grasps the child at the shoulder, takes him to seclusion area which is located away from the classroom.

Child is left in seclusion for a set time. At the end of the time, an adult will see if behavior is appropriate before returning the child to classroom.

When child displays appropriate behavior, child is returned to the classroom without giving any physical reinforcement to the child so that the problem behavior is not reinforced.

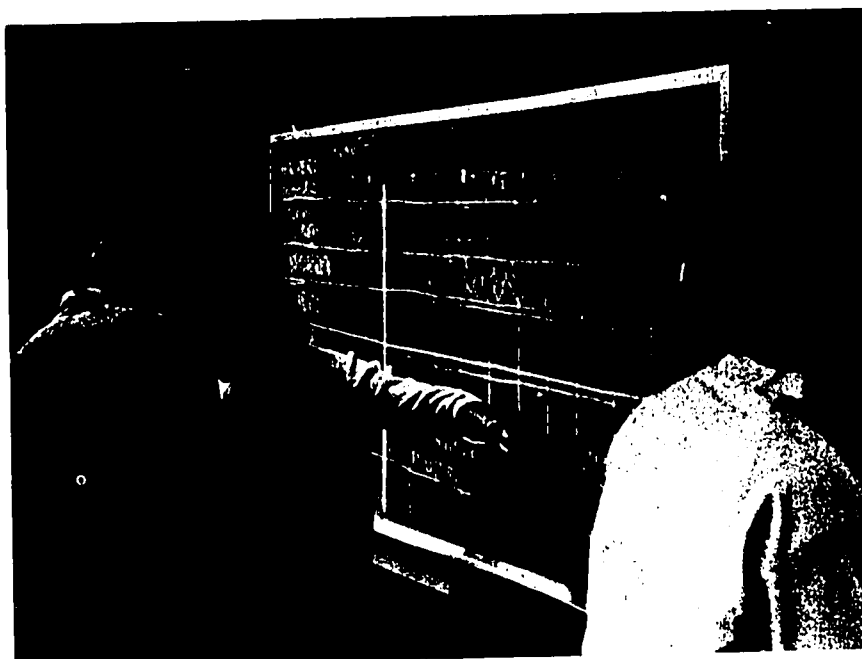
For problem or aggressive behavior, needs to be consistently monitored and must be utilized as necessary until objective behavior is achieved.

When behavior is achieved, i.e., in comparison to base line, the rate of the aggressive behavior is significantly reduced.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Not applicable.
2. When a child has a problem behavior,
3. The child will learn that problem behavior means seclusion.
4. When appropriate behavior is established, the child will be returned to the group.

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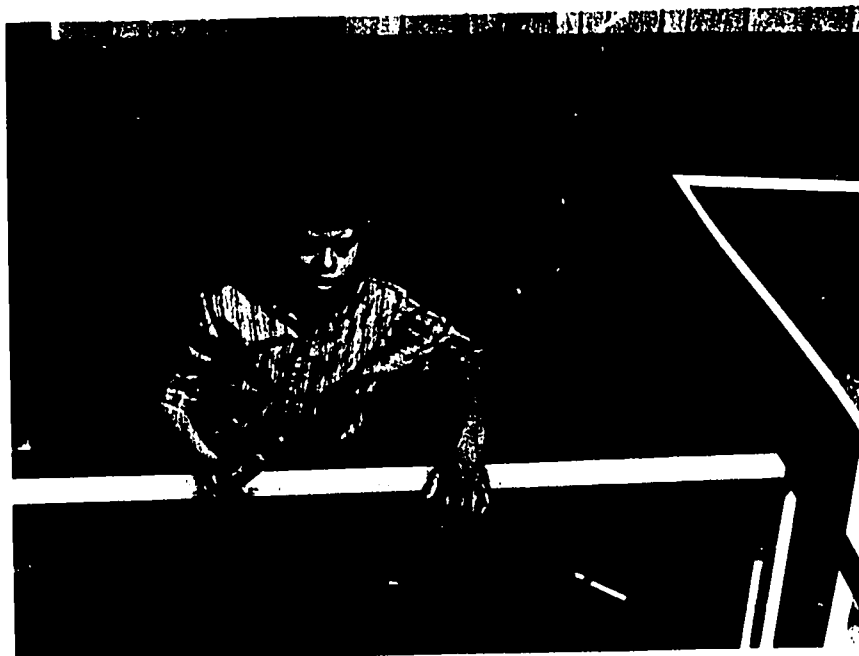


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Problem behavior is charted until a stable base line is established.

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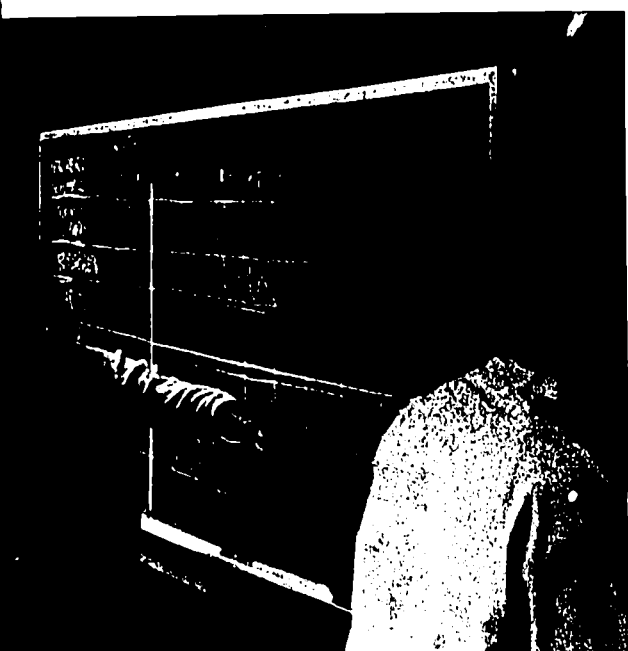
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The child is left in seclusion for a preset period of time.

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child



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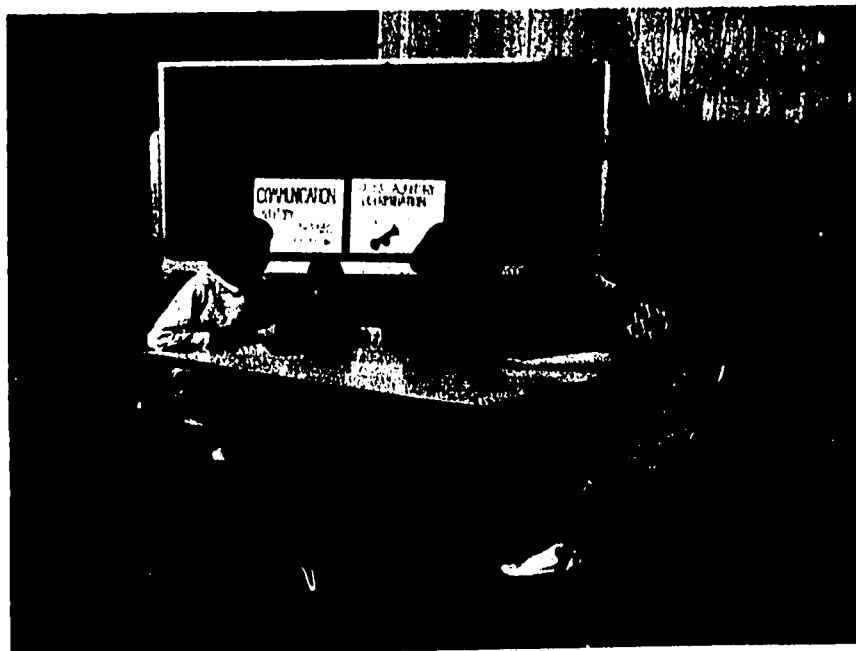


Behavior is charted until a stable level is established.

The child is grasped by the clothing at the shoulder and is impersonally removed from the classroom to the seclusion area without verbalization.



4.



left in seclusion for a preset time

Having displayed appropriate behavior, the child is returned to the classroom.

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS: AGGRESSIVE BEH

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in dealing with
Seclusion is a definite action by which aggressive be
2. Describe how this unit will be useful in stimulating
Rather than stimulating action and arousal, seclusion
sive behavior, thus allowing the child to become more
in appropriate classroom behaviors.
3. Describe how this unit will contribute to modeling an
Model of increasing nonaggressive behavior is rewardi
to participate in the activity which has been denied
4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation direct or indi
It is direct. It is nonverbal and also an interventi
5. Is the unit's theoretical oreintation (1) behaviorist
(3) eclectic? Explain.
The theoretical orientation is behavioristic. It is
with seclusion being a negative reinforcer which incr
aggressive behavior--also, the action is observable a
6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer of tr
Aggressive behavior is associated with seclusion; the
appropriately to avoid a negative reinforcer in other
can be obtained if seclusion is used with consistency

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS: AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

unit will be useful in dealing with behavioral change.

finite action by which aggressive behavior is decreased.

unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

lating action and arousal, seclusion is designed to limit aggressive behavior by allowing the child to become more open to action and arousal in classroom behaviors.

unit will contribute to modeling and imitation.

ing nonaggressive behavior is rewarding as children can continue the activity which has been denied to the secluded child.

theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

is nonverbal and also an intervention disciplinary technique.

theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or explain.

orientation is behavioristic. It is based on behavior theory using a negative reinforcer which increases periods of nonoccurring behavior--also, the action is observable and measurable.

unit provides for the transfer of training.

or is associated with seclusion; therefore, the child behaves to avoid a negative reinforcer in other settings. This result of seclusion is used with consistency.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS (Cont'd.)

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training

With the continued use of this seclusion technique, the teacher must monitor her behavior so that the teacher can maintain her benefit.

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the child's behavior or personality.

The teacher needs to be consistent, utilizing uncontrolled personality variables and inappropriate cause this method to become ineffectual. Some teachers feel that this technique is liable to create negative feelings or aloneness. In that as soon as acceptable behavior is demonstrated the child is immediately returned to the situation prolonged, indefinite, or unplanned--it must be

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unit relates to other training areas.

use of this seclusion technique, we can extinguish aggressive
e teacher can maintain her total program for the child's

unit might be affected by the instructor's teaching technique

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to become ineffectual. Some teachers object to seclusion in
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iately returned to the situation. Seclusion should never be
ite, or unplanned--it must be programmed.

COMMENTS: Aggressive

This program was based upon a well established known as "time out from positive reinforcement." and executed. It was evaluated in an objective base line, the rate of aggressive behavior was collected, this kind of data is not readily subject of interpretation.

A factor with which the teachers were aware specifically in the program deals with the reinforcement fact is that, for some individuals, seclusion can rather than as time out from positive reinforcement a serious problem for the teacher since the rate increase in frequency over base line. This information forward indication that if the program is not worked be devised.

The authors of the program perceptively (Functional Levels) that the variable of Subjective Factors instance. They observed, "Some teachers object technique is liable to destroy the child's self-esteem or loneliness." It is important to note, however, unfavorable side effects constitute speculation, to support the notion of side effects. The problem than the student. Yet since it is the teacher who out the program, such problems cannot be ignored that she attaches to the term seclusion, which, connotations, must be thoroughly discussed. Perhaps overcome by placing the child in a "concentration" extraneous stimuli serving to elicit the behavior the procedure may "sell" much better.

The term seclusion may be reacted to with other hand, there is no doubt that it can be ser key to its correct usage was aptly and succinctly "Seclusion should never be prolonged, indefinite Guided by the data collection procedure as outlined will not occur.

COMMENTS: Aggressive Behavior

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was evaluated in an objective fashion, i.e., in comparison with the
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never be prolonged, indefinite, or unplanned--it must be programmed."
a collection procedure as outlined in this plan, abuses of seclusion

BEHAVIOR PROBLEM

C. BLINDISM

OBJECTIVE: The student will be able to hold her head in an upright position.

PREREQU

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

1. Observe the student in a home situation to attain a "natural setting" base line for frequency of problem behavior (head held in a slumped position). 1. Not
2. Seek information from the mother concerning types of rewards and whether there are any obstacles to resolving the problem. (Music found to be most rewarding.) 2. Not
3. Set up two timers. One to run continuously for a period of two minutes, the other to measure the amount of time her head attains the upright position within the two-minute period. Have a scoring board to score the results of the timers. 3. Not
4. Bring the student into the training room having a phonograph and records ready. Scorepad and timers are also to be ready. 4. Not
5. Timers started. If the student's head is down, the music remains off. When she begins to bring her head up, the music begins. The music is started with any upward movement. If her head begins to go down, the music stops. No verbalization at this time. 5. Whe
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BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Not applicable.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.

5. When the student lifts her head, the
music will start and the child will
be rewarded.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

6. Amount of time the head is held up will be scored on chart. Five 2-minute sequences will be scored.
7. At this time begin to associate physical contact with music by rubbing the shoulder or holding a hand when the music starts (social approval). Association of physical contact is made in view of eventually withdrawing the primary (music) reward. Five 2-minute sequences are scored.
8. In another five 2-minute sequences (scored), the music is deleted and social praise (verbal and stroking) is associated with physical contact if the student keeps head in an upright position.
- * 9. Delete all physical contact and use just social reward of conversation commenting that it is nicer to keep head up. Five 2-minute sequences are scored.

* At this time this step was deleted and we returned to step 7 as it was obvious that the student was not responding as readily without the music.

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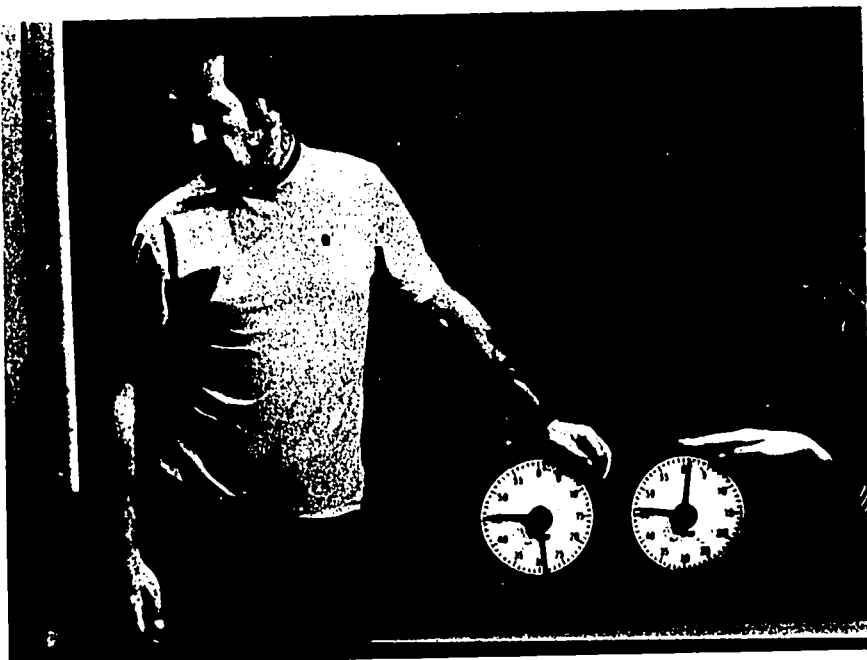
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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

6. The student will begin to associate reward of music playing with having head in an upright position.
7. The student will begin to associate physical contact and music with the head being in an upright position.
8. The student will be associating social praise with physical contact as the reward to keeping her head in an upright position.
9. The student should associate meaningful communication as an incentive to keeping her head in an upright position.
10. Over-all result:
The scoring tabulation revealed that the student may not have had complete association of the reward to the fact of having her head in an upright position, but it was observable that the music and music-physical contact stages had more time periods of association. Had this been brought out over a longer period of time, the association and behavior change would have been much more effective. See concluding interpretation of the results under Comments.

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Timers started. Any upward movement, the music starts. If head begins to go down, music stops. No verbalization at this time.

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4.

The child has her head in upright position and is receiving physical contact as means of a reward which has been associated with the primary reward of music.

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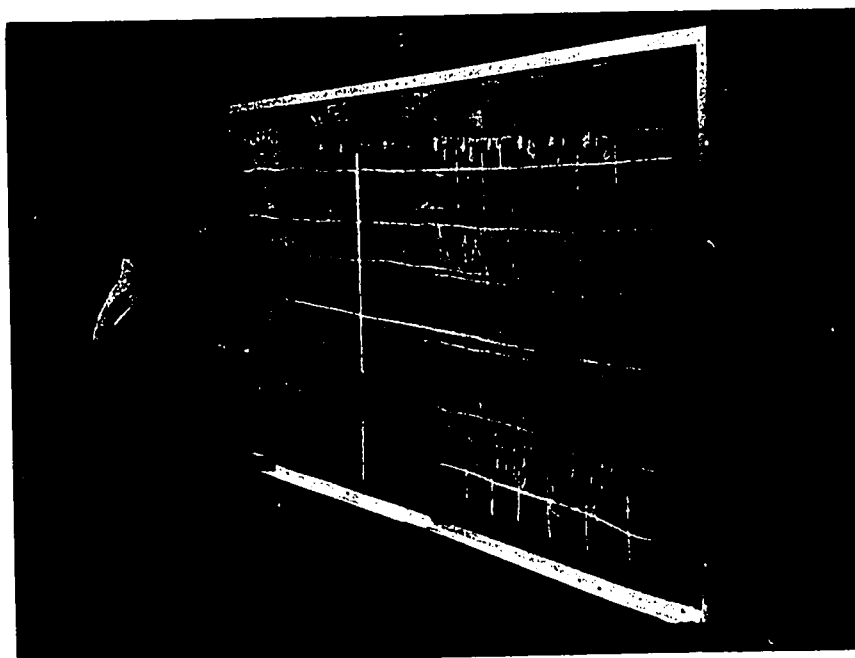
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and record on chart.

NARRATIVE

Jenny is a 17-year old blind/cerebral palsied. Jenny sits in a slumped, withdrawn position with her head down. Although she exhibits other blindisms--rocking, rubbing, etc., the mother feels that Jenny's keeping her head down in this position is crisis behavior as it interferes with her social relationships, availability of environmental stimuli, and educational experiences.

In successive approximations, Jenny is rewarded for sitting in an elevated position. Using two Universal timers, 2-minute intervals are conducted as: Stage I - music associated with physical contact, Stage II - music associated with physical contact, Stage III - music associated with social praise, and Stage IV - social praise.

During the procedure a chart was kept of the 2-minute period that Jenny elevated her head. The significance of this is explained in the Comments that follow this unit.

-year old blind/cerebral palsied girl. As can be observed, ed, withdrawn position with her head down on her chest. other blindisms--rocking, rubbing her eye with her fist-- Jenny's keeping her head down rather than in an elevated navior as it interferes with her relationship to the down position also limits her mobility, development of , availability of environmental stimuli, and participation ences.

approximations, Jenny is rewarded for having her head up on. Using two Universal timers, four 10-minute stages intervals are conducted as: Stage I - music reinforcement, ciated with physical contact, Stage III - physical contact l praise, and Stage IV - social reinforcements only.

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BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS: E

INSTRUCTIONAL LEV

1. Describe how this unit will be useful in dealing
 - a. The mother feels this is crisis behavior a to child.
 - b. Modification of this behavior will aid in
2. Describe how this unit will be useful in stimulating
 - a. Having the head up and correct posture will stimulation.
 - b. She will not appear as withdrawn and she v stimulation.
 - c. Having her head up will also give her more allowing for a vertical rather than a hor
 - d. Increased mobility will allow for more exp
 - e. Increased mobility will allow for more ed
3. Describe how this unit will contribute to modeling
 - a. No modeling or imitation was used.
 - b. It could be done through tactile stimulat also the model's head as to position and
4. Is this unit's theoretical orientation direct

The unit's theoretical orientation was direct observable as well as measurable and the tech and mechanical requiring no involved interpre of 2 minutes of uninterrupted music, this wou ferent stages of the experiment in lieu of th would not be contingent upon the desired beha

BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS: BLINDISM

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVELS

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this unit will be useful in stimulating action and arousal.

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er head up will also give her more awareness of spacial relationships
for a vertical rather than a horizontal orientation.
d mobility will allow for more exploration of her environment.
d mobility will allow for more educational opportunities.

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ing or imitation was used.
be done through tactile stimulation by feeling her own head and
model's head as to position and posture.

's theoretical orientation direct or indirect? Explain.

heoretical orientation was direct. The behavior to be modified was
s well as measurable and the techniques for measurement were specific
al requiring no involved interpretation. By establishing a base line
of uninterrupted music, this would make it possible to see the dif-
s of the experiment in lieu of the "natural setting" of music which
contingent upon the desired behavior.

5. Is the unit's theoretical orientation (1) behavioristic (2) behavioristic (3) eclectic? Explain.

The theoretical orientation of this unit was behavioristic. When verbally asked her to keep her head in the upright position, she was shaped through behavioristic techniques. A behavioristic head upright was attempted through rewarding successive approximations and no direct cognitive

6. Describe how the unit provides for the transfer of training.

This unit had built-in transfer of training since it was combined with social rewards (combined touch and verbal) which were used as a means of eliciting the desired behavior. To get the rewards into a realistic everyday reinforcement, the training would also take place once the head was more in style with the present social standards. The posture would be more erect and usable.

7. Describe how this unit relates to other training units.

The skills and success developed through music, as reinforcements in this particular case, would be operant conditioning.

Orientation to spacial relationships and improve result.

8. Describe how this unit might be affected by the child's personality.

Behavior blindness can be very much affected by the child's personality. These are some of the ways in which it can be affected: lack of assistance, inability to wait and reward. The unit's effectiveness to the child's tolerance level and awareness of success.

al orientation (1) behavioristic, (2) cognitive, or

tion of this unit was behavioristic. We could have kept her head in the upright position, but we attempted behavioristic techniques. A behavior change of keeping the head in the upright position was achieved through rewarding desirable behavior through praise and no direct cognitive approach.

Provides for the transfer of training.

transfer of training since primary rewards were replaced with combined touch and verbal to verbal praise without touch) means of eliciting the desired behavior. The intent was to establish a realistic everyday reinforcement system which would meet the present social standards of behavior. Transfer of training took place once the head was in an upright position: body was erect and usable.

relates to other training areas.

developed through music, with physical and social praise. This particular case, would not be useful in all areas of

relationships and improvement in mobility would be the

might be affected by the teacher's teaching technique

is very much affected by the teacher and her techniques. Ways in which it can be affected: by giving too much time to wait and reward. The unit can be affected by sensitivity level and awareness of appropriate degrees

BLINDISM (Cont'd.)

EQUIPMENT LIST

2 Universal timers
Record player
Child's favorite record
(Dejavu-Crosby Stills Nash and Young)
2 chairs
Scoring chart
Felt pen

SUPPLIES LIST

Tagboard
Felt pen

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EVALUATION

1. Scori
2. Time

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EVALUATIVE TOOLS

1. Scoring chart.
2. Time clocks

COMMENTS: Blind

A task force of institute participants found that music was a potent reinforcer.

This editor's suggestion of an operant normal head posture in this blind girl was inspired by a study (1962) who successfully treated a patient suffering from a head posture by use of contingent music reinforcement.

From the standpoint of operant conditioning, the use of social praise and physical contact, including holding her head up, is an issue of the effectiveness of music as a reinforcer. The issue is raised by the exhortation to the subject to keep her head up. The teachers' need to include verbal directions is also so. Ayllon (1963) encountered in his attempt at getting a child to sit in a mental hospital setting. Thus, "Because of the consequences... the nurses regarded the effect on the patient's behavior. The implicit use of music is indispensable for learning is a part of present practice."

Why did the conference participants insist on continuous personal interactions such as holding her head up? That holding her head up was desirable? It is possible that the embellishments serve more to assuage the teachers' anxiety about the subject than to enhance what was originally a forward strategy.

The editor's interpretation of the embellishments is by impressions gained from other sources. Thus, the objections of the trainers of the blind and some psychologists stem from similar objections were raised. One psychologist objected on the grounds that it violated the "natural" head posture. If the child were placed on a belly board, it would be up "naturally" and in a fashion that would help her maintain a basic difference regarding strategy is analogous to the behavior therapists and psychoanalysts. The psychologist's one's conflicts must precede and form the basis for change, as Bandura (1967) points out, there is no reason to expect of behavioral change. The reverse sequence seems more natural. The developmental sequence idea has some merit.

COMMENTS: Blindism

ce of institute participants who visited the subject in her home as a potent reinforcer.

r's suggestion of an operant conditioning strategy for training e in this blind girl was inspired by a classic study by Barrett fully treated a patient suffering from multiple tics through the music reinforcement.

standpoint of operant conditioning methodology, the addition of physical contact, including hand holding, could only obscure the tiveness of music as a reinforcer. The issue was further clouded to the subject to keep her head up because it was "nicer" to do need to include verbal directions is reminiscent of a problem entered in his attempt at getting nurses to carry out a program al setting. Thus, "Because the patient was not informed or warned s... the nurses regarded the procedure as unlikely to have much ent's behavior. The implicit belief that verbal instructions are learning is a part of present day psychiatric lore."

e conference participants involved in this program want to arrange l interactions such as holding the girl's hand and persuading her head up was desirable? It is suggested that such programmatic ve more to assuage the teachers' anxieties about their treatment n to enhance what was originally an extremely simple and straight-

's interpretation of the embellishments of the program are supported ned from other sources. Thus, in discussions with both orientation ind and some psychologists strongly identified with cognitive theory, were raised. One psychologist vehemently objected to the procedure t it violated the "natural" developmental approach to training head hild were placed on a belly board on the floor, her head would come in a fashion that would help orient her to the environment. This egarding strategy is analogous to conflicting views expressed by be- and psychoanalysts. The psychoanalysts would insist that insight into st precede and form the basis of meaningful behavioral change. But, points out, there is no reason why insight cannot follow upon the heels ge. The reverse sequence seems not to violate any immutable laws of opmental sequence idea has sometimes been invoked in support of

what have proven to be totally unfounded practices, and that school age children with reading disabilities show crawling patterns (see Robbins, 1967). There appears to be more in placing Jenny on a belly board than that of time crawling about in stereotyped movement sequences.

Just as behavior change can lead to insight, conditioning this girl to develop a head posture which is most alert, could result in a more generalized attention. The procedure for producing this behavior was that it brought her to the threshold of a wider experiential environment. Once she was brought to this threshold, the highly variable and most unmechanistic world of experience. Interpreting such a strategy is that many people recoil from the specifics of the initial stages of a conditioning program. The goals toward which the behavior modifier is working are that stating a behavioral objective may be nothing more than the value issues that may surround it are unearthed in a fashion.

There is a postscript to this program. It is in which the editor described and interpreted the procedure for instrumentation for automated treatment. For instrumentation of a mercury switch attached to the head in such a fashion that the head was held up and turned off when the head was lowered to activate a unit that would transmit corresponding on-off signals to a player supplied with Jenny's favorite recordings. The reinforcement immediately contingent upon the child's head posture.

Provided with nothing more than this information, a psychologist responded to the suggested strategy and developed a package incorporating both a simplification of and an improvement over the original plan. MacLynn Smith utilized the information directly to an inexpensive transistor radio that the child could wear. A simple "bug" type earphone was connected to the radio, which permitted her to wear the instrument package without being in fact, allowed to wear it at school. The total cost was \$2.00 exclusive of the cost of the transistor radio.

to be totally unfounded practices, as when Delacato (1959) insists children with reading disabilities should practice rigidly prescribed (see Robbins, 1967). There appears to be no more reason for insisting on a belly board than that a 12-year old disabled reader spend it in stereotyped movement sequences.

Behavior change can lead to insight, it seems quite possible that a girl to develop a head posture which she previously assumed when result in a more generalized attentiveness to environmental stimulus for producing this behavior was mechanistic. Yet it appears prior to the threshold of a wider experience and contact with the world she was brought to this threshold, the step beyond it was into a more mechanistic world of experience. The problem in intervention strategy is that many people recoil emotionally and criticize the initial stages of a conditioning procedure without understanding which the behavior modifier is working. The point in all of this is that the behavioral objective may be nothing more than a hollow formality unless the issues that may surround it are unearthed and resolved in a constructive

A postscript to this program. It stems from a video taped lecture which described and interpreted the program and also discussed instrumental treatment. For instrumentation, the editor suggested the use of a switch attached to the head in such a fashion that it would go on when the head was up and turn off when the head was lowered. The switch would be connected to a transmitter that would transmit corresponding on-off signals controlling a record player with Jenny's favorite recordings. The system would provide music immediately contingent upon the child's assuming the desired head

With nothing more than this information, a classroom teacher responded to the suggested strategy and evolved an instrumental conditioning plan. MacLynn Smith utilized the mercury switch but connected it to an expensive transistor radio that the subject carried on her person. The earphone was connected to the radio, an arrangement which permitted the instrument package without bothering anyone else. She was able to wear it at school. The total cost of this equipment was about the cost of the transistor radio.

Informal observation indicates that when Jenny indeed, effective in promoting normal head posture. A investigation remains to be done.

ervation indicates that when Jenny wears this equipment, it is,
promoting normal head posture. A full-fledged scientific
as to be done.

SECTION III

A FRAMEWORK OF COMMUNICATION

FOR EDUCATION

A FRAMEWORK OF COMMUNICATION FOR
OF PROFOUNDLY RETARDED AND MULTI-H

The primary goals for the development of the communication among the educators of the severely retarded with a repertoire of techniques to solve behavioral problems on the basis of improving and disseminating techniques follows.

Curriculum is often conceptualized in terms of the whole. Few would suggest that curriculum and curriculum planning are education. These two elements along with the teaching effect on a student's progress within the school system are sold short of its full implication, for in a broad context of education that concern the student.

In this context, then, curriculum can be thought of as numerous aspects of education interrelating with one another. The word "system" has found increased usage in the past few years, but unfortunately the use of system to describe a problem it attacks--poor definition and the breakdown of various elements of education.

Perhaps it is easier to look upon education in terms of many aspects, people and procedures. But whether you call it a system or program, education still consists of procedures and changes all directed towards the basic goal of passing on knowledge. It is wishful thinking to imagine a large body of people without some common language through which objectives are set, groups and their efforts converged towards that common goal, organizational or systems analysis.

Systems analysis in the most rigorous sense is the integration of the elements or aspects of an organization (or system) into efforts of these elements into a whole. The key to systems analysis is not how to make rules or methods more precise, but how to coordinate between different elements of the system through an

A FRAMEWORK OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE EDUCATION
OF PROFOUNDLY RETARDED AND MULTI-HANDICAPPED MINORS

One of the goals for the development of this guide were to promote increased understanding of the educators of the severely retarded and provide those educators with techniques to solve behavioral problems. Since communication is an evolving and disseminating techniques, a short discussion of its implications

Curriculum is often conceptualized in terms of study or types of subject matter. That curriculum and curriculum planning are the only elements of curriculum that two elements along with the teacher's influence have the most direct impact on a student's progress within the school system. However, curriculum is often of full implication, for in a broad sense it involves all the aspects that concern the student.

In this context, then, curriculum can be thought of as a system--that is, a system of education interrelating with one another towards a common purpose. "The system" has found increased usage within educational circles in the past but unfortunately the use of systems has suffered from the exact opposite--poor definition and the breakdown in communication between the various parts of education.

It is easier to look upon education as an organization, with its people and procedures. But whether you use the words organization, system, or education still consists of procedures, methods, policies and techniques directed towards the basic goal of passing on knowledge. It would be more realistic to imagine a large body of people working towards a common goal on language through which objectives could be defined for various efforts converged towards that common goal. Thus, the need for systems analysis.

Systems analysis in the most rigorous sense means nothing more than studying the various aspects of an organization (or system) in an attempt to converge the various elements into a whole. The key to systems analysis, therefore, is to make the rules or methods more precise, but how to improve the interaction of the elements of the system through an improved framework of communication.

Curriculum as a system involves many people and abilities. The student lies at the focal point is the curriculum designer to know the needs of each probable that he will never meet all these students instructional method is best suited for each student exposure to the vast numbers of lesson plans and curriculum. How is the administrator to know which of the methods acceptable with regard to the established budget? tions have an implied answer--communication. But a realities of the educational community, this community

In order for the educational community to utilize its full potential, it is necessary that it This learning will call for evaluation of objective standards. At this point people often throw up the "analysis" or something similar in denoting their concerns aspects of role definition and evaluation. But if then it would follow that it must first define its amount of improvement achieved. To know where you been. This is the role of the system analyst--to piece together their needs and abilities so as to

This curriculum guide offer specific "cookbooks" needs of profoundly retarded children, along with conditions that underlie these methods. While these analyses not been developed by a systems analyst, they were done by them. The problems of proper curriculum were broken into task groups, solutions identified and examined, and then by step with many trade-offs being made.

Curriculum must be used that is relevant to the student requires that the needs of each student be known and suggest the need for an extensive diagnosis for each student the teacher in prescribing instructional methods. research related to development of the profoundly

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- 1 A Title VI B Project, Behavioral Objectives for the profoundly retarded is attempting to provide a defined systematic approach in education.

as a system involves many people with continuously changing needs student lies at the focal point of curricular efforts. But how designer to know the needs of each student when in fact it is most ill never meet all these students? How is the teacher to know which d is best suited for each student when she can't possibly obtain t numbers of lesson plans and curriculums that have been developed? rator to know which of the methods selected by the teacher is ard to the established budget? These and many other everyday ques- ed answer--communication. But all too often, within the hectic ucational community, this communication breaks down.¹

r the educational community to learn how to solve its ills and tential, it is necessary that it learn from its own experience. call for evaluation of objectives, and this evaluation will require point people often throw up their arms and cry "paralysis by ing similar in denoting their concern over the apparent de-humanizing inition and evaluation. But if education seeks to improve itself, w that it must first define itself to determine the direction and nt achieved. To know where you are going is to know where you have role of the system analyst--to help those within an organization r needs and abilities so as to function as an interacting whole.

ulum guide offer specific "cookbook" methods of dealing with the retarded children, along with considerations of the many assump- these methods. While these analytically developed methods have by a systems analyst, they were done exactly as an analyst would ems of proper curriculum were broken down systematically by the ons identified and examined, and detailed methods developed step trade-offs being made.

must be used that is relevant to each child or student. This eeds of each student be known and understood. This would in turn r an extensive diagnosis for each student--a diagnosis usable by cribing instructional methods. Because of the broad base of development of the profoundly retarded child, there is sparse

ject, Behavioral Objectives for Handicapped Children, Santa Cruz provide a defined systematic approach to improve communication.

continuity in the jargon and methods used by those interacting with parent, the teacher from last year, the clinician, and often the approach of this guide combined with the theoretical implications partially solves these concerns and enhances necessary communication.

To isolate a general area of need is always easier than in solution, the difference being the intervening detail. We all use systems analysis in our everyday lives, all the way from selecting to deciding when to go to bed. To think of such efforts as system important, but to learn to extend this natural habit to the education does require some practice.

Most of us act according to some immediate or long-term objectives usually consider different ways of pursuing these objectives. Once that appears most promising, we use it in approaching our objectives. In pursuing this objective, we continuously evaluate whether or not the path we have chosen is going to be effective in attaining that objective. Is this right now when you read this page--is this information improving your using curriculum--and if not, should you pursue the alternatives of TV or talking with your neighbor?

It is this analytical framework that helps to pinpoint precisely the use and evaluation of different (alternate) ways of attaining objectives. This refined approach permits a converging basis for communication.

By viewing education as a system which includes many different various roles working towards a basic goal (education of the child) for communication becomes mandatory. This framework, produced in a fashion based upon the needs and suggestions of those involved in the process, can become a powerful tool for improving the effectiveness of an educational program. For example, envision all the people with whom you interact regarding your role in education; how is it possible to give each individual a perspective of how their efforts can constructively contribute to local and general goals of education? On page 113 is a simple diagram of the organizational structure of a program based upon interacting decisions.

With reference to the attached decision structure, this chart is providing the basis of operation for those decisions at levels of placing the activities of the teacher that stem from her decision making with all the decisions of others in the educational community, it is to develop a program structure or framework that relates to communication just some formal organization chart.

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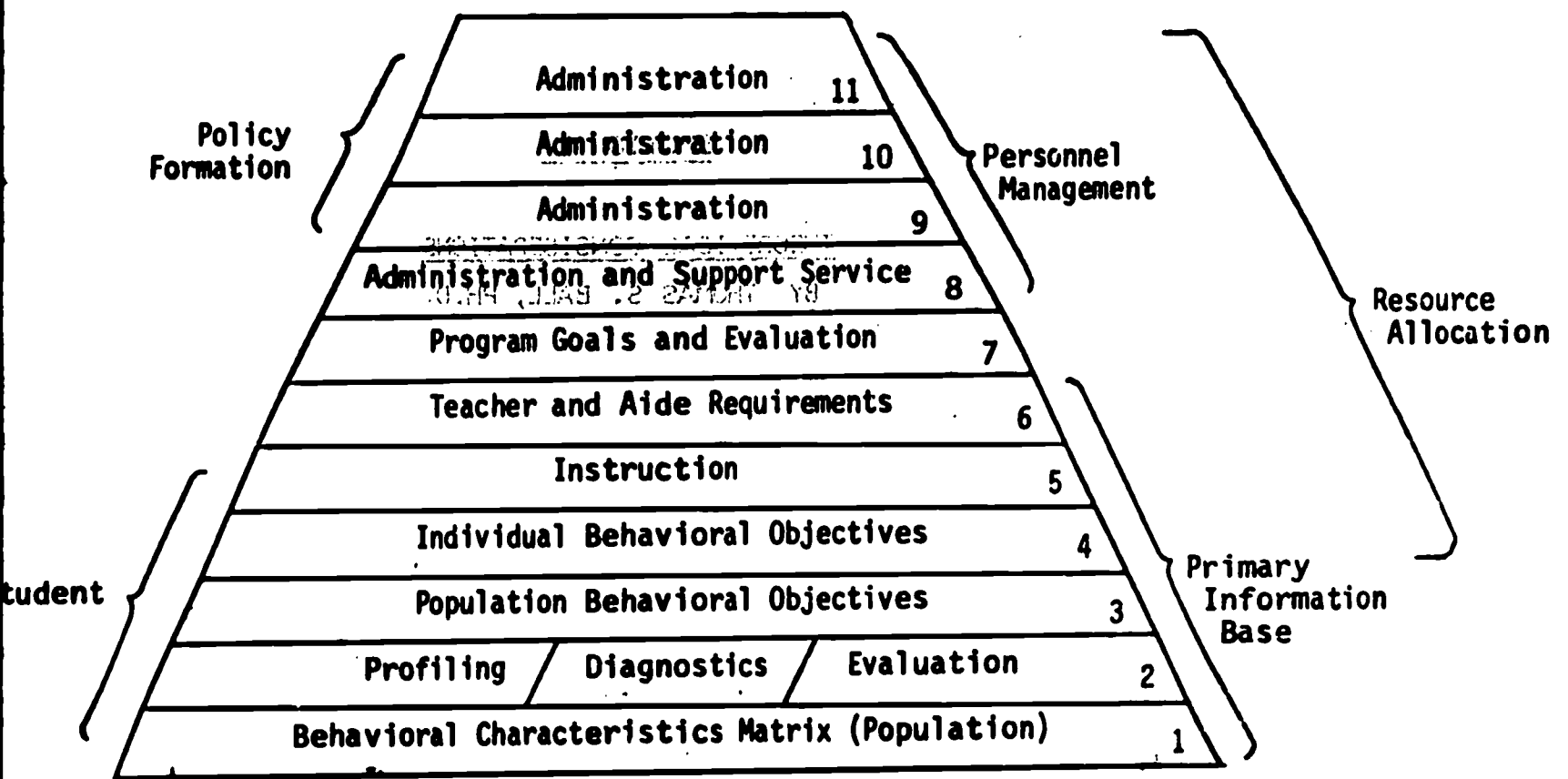
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This framework as applied to a curricular system will help the teacher evaluate the curriculum content relative to individual student objectives, evaluate the objectives and finally aid the clinician in diagnosis of the child as objectives are attained. Such activities provide for education's learning about itself--all through a framework of communication.

For a more detailed discussion of this concept, its implications and supporting information, contact V.O.R.T. Corporation, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Title VI B Project 44-00000-0000-723, Behavioral Objectives for Handicapped Children.

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE: DECISION HIERARCHY



SECTION IV

THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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A PHILOSOPHY OF CURRICULUM PLANNING
FOR DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Background of the Problem - Bloom's Taxonomy

In 1948, a group of psychologists interested in college level achievement testing met to discuss the difficulties of cooperating and communicating about work on educational evaluation. A major obstacle to such communication was the absence of a common frame of reference for discussion. To remedy this problem, they proposed to develop a taxonomy or classification system for educational objectives. They proposed to define such objectives in behavioral terms and to place them within an overall classification scheme. This scheme would have to incorporate a clear and meaningful terminology. Thus, "It was hoped that the statement of an objective in similar terms by different workers would make possible a definite classification of that objective and would also permit exact inferences about the kinds of behaviors expected of students." They added, "An even more important value we hoped to secure from the classification scheme was that of comparing and studying educational programs." (Kathwah1, et al, 1964, p. 5)

The next major step in the development of a taxonomy was that of establishing a three-fold division of educational objectives: cognitive, affective, and psychomotor. The following table (page 115) summarizes these three educational domains and the sequentially arranged objectives used to define them.

It was intended that this new taxonomy would represent more than a static classification. Rather, the ordering of educational outcomes should reflect a natural learning sequence. Implied in this is a kind of developmental sequence in which some outcomes function as the basis for later ones. For example, in the reference which follows, "orientation" is depicted as the third step in a skill continuum beginning with perception. This sequence suggests that training should begin at the level of perception and work up to the level or orientation.

QUICK REFERENCE* FOR BLOOM'S THREE

Bloom, et al., suggests sixteen terms that may be used clearly and thus improve communication. They are:

Cognitive Domain (i.e., intellectual processes of the learner)

Knowledge	recognition and recall of information, theories, and structures.
Comprehension	interpretation of what has been learned.
Application	use of knowledge in new situations.
Synthesis	combining elements into new wholes.
Evaluation	judging materials and methods using criteria.

Affective Domain (i.e., emphasis on emotional processes, attitudes, values, and adjustments)

Receiving	passive attention to stimuli (i.e., listening, etc.).
Responding	reacting to stimuli (complying, volunteering, etc.).
Valuing	actions consistent with a belief or attitude.
Organization	commitment to a set of values (discriminating, etc.).
Characterization	total behavior conforming to internalized values.

Psychomotor Domain (i.e., emphasis on motor behaviors and skills)

Perception	sensitivity to stimulus normally learned (e.g., sensing, etc.).
Preparation	involves readiness to perform (e.g., posture, bodily stance, willingness).
Orientation	knowing and/or deciding an appropriate response.
Pattern	a learned response that is habitual or a skill pattern or low error response.
Performance	response that is a complex motor activity or skill (e.g., polished behavior, command, ease and control).

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reacting to stimuli (complying, volunteering, etc.).
actions consistent with a belief or value.
commitment to a set of values (discussion, formulating values).
on total behavior conforming to internalized values (e.g., philosophy).

main (i.e., emphasis on motor behaviors involving neuromuscular coordination)

sensitivity to stimulus normally leading to action (e.g., cue,
sensing, etc.).
involves readiness to perform (e.g., possesses knowledge,
bodily stance, willingness).
knowing and/or deciding an appropriate response to be made.
a learned response that is habitual, smooth, and confident (e.g.,
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The authors of the taxonomy point out that their educational objectives has historical antecedents external to the philosophy. They also concede that "Modern research on learning raises serious questions about the value of these simple classifications (Gagne et al, 1964, p. 7). However, they proceed to justify the taxonomy that they reflect the distinctions that teachers and curriculum makers make in the course of classifying educational objectives. If this is in line with common practice, it is assumed that it justifies the efforts of educators to develop curricula. They further assume that a natural reconciliation between classification of educational objectives and personality will occur in the context of teacher-student interaction. This system will ultimately lead to a greater power for organization in the learning process.

Many professionals applaud the classification of educational objectives as a pioneering effort to inject a degree of objectivity and rationality in conceptualizing and ordering information in what has been a chaotic field of endeavor. The system set forth as guidelines for the Development Institute for the Multi-Handicapped at the University of Santa Cruz campus reflects many of the same concerns that underlie the taxonomy, often referred to as Bloom's Taxonomy. It has some important respects. A critical difference arises between the taxonomy and Bloom's Taxonomy is "educational-logical-psychological," in that the taxonomy was developed in deference to accepted usage for teachers and curriculum makers. Thus, "Insofar as possible, the boundaries between categories are related to the distinctions teachers make in planning and organizing learning situations. It is possible that teachers make distinctions that psychologists would not make in classifying or studying human behavior. If such distinctions are functional. Yet it can be argued that such distinctions are functional. Yet it can be argued that such distinctions are functional.

Theoretical Orientation (cognitive vs. behavioristic) - A Point of Breakdown in Bloom's Taxonomy

Systems of classification can provide order and organization that did not exist previously. But there is an infrequently acknowledged danger, i.e., they may lead to premature and unwarranted interpretations. As a case in point, consider this writer's category of "lateralization" which the cognitive theorists' use of hypothetical constructs and "laterality" is contrasted with the behaviorist's emphasis on observable behavior. An extreme example of the practical implications of such

ers of the taxonomy point out that their threefold division of objectives has historical antecedents extending back to ancient Greek. They also concede that "Modern research on personality and learning questions about the value of these simple distinctions." (Krathwohl, 1977). However, they proceed to justify their domains on the grounds of the distinctions that teachers and curriculum workers typically use of classifying educational objectives. Therefore, because it is common practice, it is assumed that it will facilitate the ongoing efforts to develop curricula. They further voiced the expectation of reconciliation between classification of objectives and theories of learning to occur in the context of teacher-student interaction and that the taxonomy will lead to a greater power for organizing and controlling the

professionals applaud the classification of educational objectives as a means to inject a degree of objectivity and provide a basis for controlling and ordering information in what has been a confusing and contradictory process. The system set forth as guidelines for the 1970 Curriculum Institute for the Multi-Handicapped at the University of California/Long Beach reflects many of the same concerns that motivated the development of the taxonomy often referred to as Bloom's Taxonomy. It does, however, differ in some respects. A critical difference arises from the fact that Bloom's taxonomy is "educational-logical-psychological," in that order of priority. It was a departure from accepted usage for teachers and curriculum specialists. If possible, the boundaries between categories should be closely defined. The distinctions teachers make in planning curricula or in choosing objectives are important. It is possible that teachers make distinctions which psychologists make in classifying or studying human behavior." They assume that these distinctions are functional. Yet it can be argued that they are not.

Distinctions (cognitive vs. behavioristic) - shown in Bloom's Taxonomy

of classification can provide order and continuity where only chaos exists. But there is an infrequently acknowledged accompanying hazard, which can lead to premature and unwarranted interpretations and value judgments. To illustrate, consider this writer's category of "theoretical framework" in contrast to the theorists' use of hypothetical constructs such as "body image" which is contrasted with the behaviorist's emphasis on observable events. The implications of the practical implications of such distinctions can be seen in

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the divergent positions taken by psychoanalysts and behaviorists in the treatment of phobias. So pervasive are their differences that the basic nature of the disorder, and, of course, what constitutes a cure, for the two groups cannot find a common ground for measuring the effectiveness of their programs. To hope for a practical resolution of the differences between the two groups is like expecting a meaningful result from two tests that use completely different sets of rules. An evaluation of this kind of theory is an important determinant of how behavior is taught, and guides and directs the development of curriculum content.

Although in a rather vague fashion, teachers of behavior modification are aware of the basic assumptions and concomitant biases of cognitive and behaviorist theory. They most do so without being explicitly aware of it. They are aware of what are, after all, the theoretical biases of their form of theory. They play the theoretical games without knowing the rules or, for that matter, that it is a game.

To illustrate the practical implications of differences in theory, consider the case of an autistic or retarded child who engages in self-injurious headbanging. The influence of theory is evident in the play at the very moment at which one attempts to explain the behavior. One theorist seeks to explain it in terms of what he guesses is going on inside of the child's head. If he is a psychoanalyst, he might explain the bizarre behavior by suggesting that the child is not really punishing someone else whose identity he has taken with his own. Another cognitive theorist with a different background might offer a different explanation. Jean Ayres (1968), for example, may look at the behavior in terms of that this activity is an outward expression of the child's attempt to achieve equilibrium in a disturbed homeostatic balance between excitation and inhibition of the nervous system. Just as a furnace is automatically turned on by a thermostat set to react at a particular room temperature, so the child's behavior is the result of some kind of thermostat within the nervous system. The concept of operation of thermostats in heating systems, the idea of homeostasis, has considerable appeal. It makes sense out of an exceedingly complex behavior. We may embrace the idea with a sense of relief.

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tions taken by psychoanalysts and behaviorists regarding the treatment so pervasive are their differences that they even disagree about the disorder, and, of course, what constitutes a cure. Obviously, they find a common ground for measuring the results of their treatment for a practical resolution of the differences between the two methods of selecting a meaningful result from two teams playing a game with complex sets of rules. An evaluation of this dispute points up the fact that an important determinant of how behavior is viewed. Consequently, it is the development of curriculum content and how results are measured.

In a rather vague fashion, teachers of the retarded do adopt the methods and concomitant biases of cognitive and behavioristic theory, yet being explicitly aware of it. They accept as concrete realities the theoretical biases of their former teachers. They are playing without knowing the rules or, for that matter, without even knowing

the practical implications of differences in theoretical orientation. In the case of an autistic or retarded child who consistently engages in headbanging. The influence of theoretical orientation comes into play at the moment at which one attempts to explain the behavior. The cognitive explanation in terms of what he guesses or hypothesizes may be going on behind the child's head. If he is a psychoanalyst he may make sense of this by suggesting that the child is not really hurting himself, he is punishing himself whose identity he has taken within himself (introjected). A behaviorist with a different background may come up with still another explanation. Ayres (1968), for example, may look at the same child and suggest that headbanging is an outward expression of the child's attempt to restore equilibrium, a homeostatic balance between excitation and inhibition within the child. Just as a furnace is automatically turned on by the action of a thermostat to react at a particular room temperature, Ayres postulates the existence of a thermostat within the nervous system.* Since we understand the operation of thermostats in heating systems, the idea of a neurological thermostat makes sense out of an exceedingly bizarre phenomenon. The idea with a sense of relief.

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The behaviorist, and most specifically the behaviorist, avoids from the very outset the temptation to explain what is going on inside the head, that is, in terms of such explanations pseudo-scientific "will-o'-the-wisps" need for an explanation. But as guiding principles of behavior technology, he believes them to be useful. He considers the cognitive theorist's measurement technique indirect measurement of a fictional process can be based on which it was based. It is like using an elaborate map. The fact that the map provides exact designations for the phenomenon it does not enhance its ultimate usefulness. Unless it is of authenticity, it may inspire treasure seekers to look for it. Also, say the behaviorists, may a satisfying cognitive phenomenon.

The behaviorist-operant conditioner analyzes only observable, objectively measurable events. In particular, behavior, he records in detail the environmental conditions which occur (Antecedents), he carefully records the child's behavior, what happens to the child once the behavior starts. For example, that the child headbangs in a certain room every day and in the presence of a particular person; that when his head against the wall without drawing blood or injury, it occurs, his mother rushes up, completely immobilized, and says, "Please don't hurt yourself." For the behaviorist, behavior resides in the analysis of such sequences of events, matter of manipulating the contingencies which, in the case of headbanging, would probably entail the removal of the child from the room, of comforting the child. He may also reward behavior with attention as would be provided by many kinds of play activities.

In terms of evaluating his success, the behaviorist first get a base line, a measure of the rate of headbanging on the average of one hundred times per hour over a period of

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iorist, and most specifically the proponent of operant conditioning¹, every outset the temptation to explain the child's behavior in terms of inside the head, that is, in terms of mental phenomena. He considers pseudo-scientific "will-o'-the-wisps" that satisfy the observer's imagination. But as guiding principles for the development of an effect-technology, he believes them to be counterproductive. Further, he criticizes the cognitive theorist's measurement techniques as spurious in that the concept of a fictional process can be no more valid than the fiction on which it is based. It is like using an elaborate map to locate mythical lost treasure. A map provides exact designations of locations and distances between points, but it cannot guarantee its ultimate usefulness. Unfortunately, if the map has the look of reality, it may inspire treasure seekers to years of fruitless activity. So behaviorists, may a satisfying cognitive explanation of a behavioral

behaviorist-operant conditioner analyzes the child's behavior in terms of objectively measurable events. In performing a functional analysis of the child's behavior, he records in detail the environmental context in which the behavior occurs (Antecedents), he carefully records the child's exact behavior (Behavior) and the consequences of the behavior (Consequences). He may find, for example, that the child headbangs in a certain room of the house, at a certain time of day, in the presence of a particular person; that he lightly hits the right side of the head against the wall without drawing blood or causing a bruise; that as soon as the mother rushes up, completely immobilizes him and in a pleading voice says, "Don't hurt yourself." For the behaviorist, the explanation of the behavior lies in the analysis of such sequences and contingencies. Control is achieved by manipulating the contingencies which, in this case of noninjurious headbanging, probably entail the removal of the reinforcing (rewarding) consequence for the child. He may also reward behavior incompatible with headbanging--for example, by many kinds of play activity.

After evaluating his success, the behaviorist-operant conditioner would determine, as a measure of the rate of headbanging, e.g., the child may bang his head one hundred times per hour over a 24-hour period. He would then

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carry out the behavioral program and recheck the results. If the results do not significantly decrease, he would adjudge the results and go further into the influence of environmental events on the course of the initial functional analysis and would

What if Ayres, guided by her belief in the existence of a thermostat, located a mass of neural tissue that acted as a control mechanism? Further, let us suppose that this tissue could be detected by means of an extremely sensitive instrument. Ayres believed that peaks of electrical activity indicated a bias. Because such "inside" activity could be measured, a behaviorist could then incorporate it into his functional analysis. If it were shown to be reliably related to such peaks of activity, this kind of data as contributing to the understanding of the behavior. Ayres could then argue that the bias developing could be avoided and guided the continuing search for an alternative hypothesis. It might be right. A bias that may lead into a blind alley. An operant conditioner, however, believes that hypothesis leads to blind alleys--to the development of elaborate theories and approaches that are closed, self-validating systems rather than corrected.

The cognitive theorist concedes that the behaviorist works with a high degree of efficiency. But the cognitive theorist accomplishes such performances without regard for the conditions in which learning takes place, he violates these principles for a short-term goal at the expense of the long-term goal of understanding structures. The cognitivist considers such performances as Kephart's (1960) terms, "splinter skills," that he would remind the behaviorist that animals can perform such as "reading" which suggests a level of performance that is illusory--such is the nature of "splinter skills" that the "splinter skill" argument must be backed up by evidence that is generally lacking. And he would aver that such behaviors happen to follow the sequences incorporated in the training does not necessarily mean that they need be taught. He would add that a slavish adherence to such sequences is unnecessary and unproductive training activities.

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avioral program and recheck the rate of the behavior. If the rate did decrease, he would adjudge the program a failure. He would then look for the influence of environmental events that he may have overlooked in the initial functional analysis and would then seek to control these events.

Ayres, guided by her belief in the physical existence of a neurological basis for headbanging, believed that there was a mass of neural tissue that she believed actually contained such a "switch" or "thermostat". Further, let us suppose that electrical activity coming from this "switch" could be detected by means of an extremely sensitive apparatus and that Ayres' observations of electrical activity indicated that the thermostat was "on." If "switch" activity could be measured in an objective fashion, the behaviorist might incorporate it into his functional analysis. If then, the headbanging was reliably related to such peaks of electrical activity, he would consider it as contributing to the understanding of the phenomenon of headbanging. Ayres argues that the bias developing out of her hypothetical construct motivates the continuing search for an actual physical structure. And she would argue that that may lead into a blind alley may also lead to discovery. The behaviorist, however, believes that hypothetical constructs more often lead to the development of elaborate theoretical structures and therapeutic programs that are closed, self-validating systems in which errors are perpetuated and corrected.

A cognitive theorist concedes that the behaviorist can train many behaviors to a high degree of efficiency. But the cognitivist argues that because the behaviorist makes such performances without regard for the underlying processes by which they take place, he violates these processes. The behaviorist may achieve a high level of efficiency at the expense of the long-term development of more mature cognitive skills. A cognitivist considers such performances isolated "tricks" or, in other terms, "splinter skills," that lack generalized significance. And he argues with the behaviorist that animals can be taught to carry out complex performances such as "reading" which suggests a level of understanding that is only superficially similar to the nature of "splinter skills." The behaviorist would counter that the "splinter skill" argument must be backed by experimental proof, proof that the behavior is not simply a result of rote learning. And he would aver that simply because children's emerging skills are not yet fully developed, it is necessary to follow the sequences incorporated into developmental tests, this does not mean that they need be taught in such sequences. The behaviorist's slavish adherence to such sequences may, in fact, involve many unproductive training activities.

The objections of the cognitive theorist extend ever. On esthetic, philosophical and ethical grounds techniques as crassly manipulative, as mechanistic and "washing" that renders a subject less human and more susceptible to manipulation. Further, he may believe that behaviorism stifles development of voluntary behavior, spontaneity, individuality and free will. Therefore, it can be seen that the cognitive approach to operant conditioning is much more than on a scientific level. "Issues" regarding his basic value system and his conviction that behaviorism is meaningful in human existence, in short, his philosophy.

This writer believes that the mutual hostility between cognitive groups is counterproductive to scientific progress. If the groups would probably disagree, he believes that every effort to synthesize and integrate the two approaches should be made. He achieves in his book Itard, Seguin and Kephart: Sensory Deprivation and Interpretation.¹

As an example of how theoretical considerations influence the production of the third Santa Cruz Conference, on pages 67 to 80. As noted in the Editor's comments, the program involves a number of features that are based on assumptions of this kind have become so engrained in the field that they implicitly assume the status of facts. The result is that these "facts" are incorporated as seemingly necessary components of a training approach based on a behavioristic strategy. A shortcut that could greatly curtail the time and expense of training. On the other hand, certain incidental benefits are sacrificed in the course of taking such a shortcut. Unfortunately, the teacher may remain unaware of the very real possibilities. Nor does it seem likely that Bloom's accepted usage, would lead to the detection and clarification of these facts.

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Bloom's Taxonomy and Educational Objectives for

Bloom's Taxonomy is, after all, a classification to meet the needs of testing specialists dealing with mentally retarded. That explains the immediate focus on the cognitive domain and the misgivings and results in the affective and psychomotor domains. It might be said that the taxonomy began at the wrong end. This point may become clear in reference to the category under "receiving" which is in the affective domain. Both are related to the psychomotor domain. Both are related to awareness and arousal.¹ Yet where measurement of awareness and arousal in Bloom's Taxonomy admit to grave difficulties (see Handout 1). The writers cite the example of an art teacher who asks for the student's awareness of the effect of color, form, design, etc. in his evolving sensitivity to such variables, then asks him to make at a series of paintings and describe them. Since the student's reports, he cannot directly suggest the student fails to mention such characteristics. It is entirely possible that he was aware of them when he made the paintings but not verbalize them. He even may have been aware of them.

Happily, at the level of profound mental retardation, to measure awareness (activation and arousal) will prevent the problems noted above. Not only that, but there is an additional advantage of being "program free" -- that is, of any and every program irrespective of content. It is possible of directly comparing the result of say, music, with creative dance. One such measure is based on the frequency of repetitive behavior such as body rocking¹ (Kaufman). A therapeutic program fails to reduce the frequency of such behavior of extremely limited value, whatever its content. This measure proposed by the authors of the Taxonomy even at this simple and objective measure for the profound

¹ Activation and arousal can also be measured by psychophysiological techniques.

and Educational Objectives for the Mentally Retarded

Taxonomy is, after all, a classification system designed originally for the use of testing specialists dealing with college students, not the mentally retarded. That explains the immediate emphasis placed on developing the taxonomy for the cognitive and the misgivings and resultant delays in developing systems for the affective and psychomotor domains. It might even be argued that efforts to develop a taxonomy began at the wrong end of the continuum of intelligence. It does not become clear in reference to the objectives of "awareness," a sub-category of the "receiving" which is in the affective domain, and "orientation" which is in the psychomotor domain. Both are related to the present category of "activation." Yet where measurement of awareness is concerned, the authors of the taxonomy point out grave difficulties (see Handbook II: Affective Domain, pp. 101-102). For example, the example of an art teacher who seeks to develop the student's sensitivity to the effect of color, form, design, etc., in art media. To evaluate sensitivity to such variables, the teacher may have the student look at paintings and describe them. Since he must carefully avoid biasing the student's reports, he cannot directly suggest what to look for. But what if the student does not mention such characteristics. As the authors point out, "It is possible that he was aware of them when looking at the paintings but did not mention them. He even may have been aware of them at a semiconscious level."

At the level of profound mental retardation, it is possible to measure (activation and arousal) with techniques that completely circumvent the difficulties noted above. Not only that, but some of these techniques have the advantage of being "program free"--they can be applied to the measurement of behavior by program irrespective of content. This extends to the possibility of comparing the result of say, music therapy with finger painting or drawing. One such measure is based on the occurrence of objectively recordable behavior such as body rocking¹ (Kaufman and Levitt, 1965). If a therapist fails to reduce the frequency of this behavior, it can be considered of limited value, whatever its content. None of the measurement procedures proposed by the authors of the Taxonomy even approach the generalized significance of an objective measure for the profoundly retarded.

and arousal can also be measured by means of simple, objective, psychological techniques.

In the present classification system a series of objectives that are, in some respects, analogous to the behavior objectives of Bloom's Taxonomy. But unlike the objectives of the taxonomy, these are heterogeneous and reflect an inferred developmental extent. Crisis problems, for example, reflect the considerations while "theoretical framework" reflects the considerations. No claim is made for comprehensiveness of the system, only tentative. The rationale for some of these categories is more comprehensive and developmentally relevant than others. (Snow and Kephart: Sensory Education - A Learning Intervention)

Santa Cruz System for Evaluating Educational Objectives for the Severely Retarded

To illustrate the application of the present system, the editor has applied the series of eight questions to a child named "Angels in the Snow" (hereinafter referred to as A.S.). A.S. is lying on his back, learns to move his legs and arms in the manner specified by the teacher. For younger, more impaired children, the teacher is to rub the child's limbs to help him identify them. As the child becomes increasingly aware of their being a part of him and of his own voluntary effort.

The first question or criterion by means of which the child's item is in terms of Crisis Problems. Thus, prior to the time a new child enters a class we must be able to contact the child's Educational potential is of absolutely no importance if it is intolerable, if he cannot be brought under verbal control to attend. We assert that if these goals are not met, the program should probably be judged a failure.

A.S. was not designed as a direct approach to the child. Yet it does, incidentally, influence them. Clearly, the child's movement patterns specified by the teacher in response to the great deal of control is being exerted over his behavior. A.S. has some control over his own behavior. Also, he is able to respond to verbal instructions. From a behavioral point of view, it is apparent that the child is receiving much social reinforcement.

present classification system a series of questions were developed in respects, analogous to the behavioral objectives set forth in

But unlike the objectives of the Taxonomy, they are much more reflective of an inferred developmental sequence to only a very limited extent. Problems, for example, reflect the most practical and pragmatic of the "theoretical framework" reflects relatively abstract considerations made for comprehensiveness of coverage and they are set forth as such. The rationale for some of these categories is explained in a much more and developmentally relevant fashion in the book Itard, Seguin Sensory Education - A Learning Interpretation.

for Evaluating Educational Objectives Retarded

rate the application of the present classification system to the behavioral objectives for the severely and profoundly retarded, the series of eight questions to Kephart's training activity, "How" (hereinafter referred to as A.S.). In this activity the child, learns to move his legs and arms through various movement patterns with the teacher. For younger, more impaired children, the teacher may need to use his limbs to help him identify them. In this manner he becomes in- touch with their being a part of him and that they can be moved through

question or criterion by means of which we evaluate this training of Crisis Problems. Thus, prior to all other considerations, when we have a class we must be able to contain him within the facility. Control is of absolutely no importance if his behavior is socially unacceptable. He cannot be brought under verbal control or he cannot be taught to assert that if these goals are not met within four months, then the child is probably be judged a failure.

not designed as a direct approach to dealing with crisis problems. Mentally, influence them. Clearly, if a child learns to carry out commands specified by the teacher in response to her verbal commands, a control is being exerted over his behavior. He, in turn, acquires control over his own behavior. Also, he is attending to the teacher and following her verbal instructions. From a behavioristic point of view, it is clear that the child is receiving much social reinforcement for activities

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incompatible with problem behavior. The technique is one directly attacking the problem behavior. Patterson and others have written a programmed text for parents. It outlines a procedure from operant conditioning, for dealing with their children in terms of the question of crisis problems, the theoretical approach is much less important than its efficacy in achieving control within a reasonable period of time.

It is essential to provide an objective measure of success in achieving behavioral control. The evaluation should be of recordable, measurable events rather than inferred events. The techniques need not be complicated. For example, a procedure developed by observing the child for a minute at the time the banging occurs during the minute interval, it is so simple that observations over a period of several days can provide a valid measurement at the end of four months will indicate the results of the treatment been made.

A second question deals with the problem of severely impaired individuals "turned on" to the outside world. Children become "turned off" to anything but self-stimulation, that of the blind child who sits rocking back and forth. We attempt to disrupt this activity and establish contact with the outside world. He provides his own sources of stimulation rather than what we offer in the course of limited interaction.

With the concept of activation and arousal, a more free approach to evaluating the relative effectiveness of the program evolved. It would entail simply recording the number of times the child is still rocking, the educational program, irrespective of whether it is a failure. At this level, whatever gets the child out of the rocking is good. Once he is "hooked," the program may remain effective depending upon its evolving functional significance.

Once again, A.S. was not designed to deal with the problem of severely impaired individuals. It has been found highly effective in activating young children.

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with problem behavior. The technique may not be as rapid or efficient as attacking the problem behavior. Patterson and Gullion (1968), for example, a programmed text for parents. It outlines a direct approach, derived conditioning, for dealing with their children's behavior problems. Yet, the question of crisis problems, the theoretical basis of a successful much less important than its efficacy for obtaining the necessary behavioral in a reasonable period of time.

is essential to provide an objective means of evaluating the extent of one's achieving behavioral control. The evaluation should be based on observable, measurable events rather than inferred psychological states. Yet the need not be complicated. For example, a base line for headbanging may be observing the child for a minute at the beginning of each hour. If head-ers during the minute interval, it is scored. An accumulation of such over a period of several days can provide an adequate base line. Repeated at the end of four months will indicate whether significant progress has

cond question deals with the problem of Activation and Arousal, of getting impaired individuals "turned on" to the outside world. All too often such come "turned off" to anything but self-stimulation. A familiar example is blind child who sits rocking back and forth hour after hour. When we disrupt this activity and establish contact with him, he may respond by ff. He provides his own sources of stimulation, sources more satisfying offer in the course of limited interactions with him.

the concept of activation and arousal as a point of departure, a program h to evaluating the relative effectiveness of various programs can be would entail simply recording the number of children engaging in rocking one occasion and returning a few months later to reevaluate. If they are g, the educational program, irrespective of its content, can be adjudged At this level, whatever gets the child "hooked" on the environment is he is "hooked," the program may remain important or may become trivial on its evolving functional significance.

again, A.S. was not designed to deal expressly with this problem. Yet found highly effective in activating younger, more impaired children who

require much tactile stimulation to learn the necessary withdrawn, self-stimulating children may become more res in the world of people and things as the result of such incidental payoff of this item in Kephart's training.

A third variable is that of Modeling and Imitation. A behavior modification group has emphasized the tremendous of imitation training (see Baer, et al, 1967 and Lovaas). When a child becomes generally imitative, it is no longer necessary to train separately. He learns through imitation, a process that is (usually) reinforcing. Were it not for the generalized nature of speech as we know it would be prohibitively difficult to teach the necessary individual speech sounds would be a ponderous task. If such an important variable, one should assess the extent of its use in a training activity and how much the activity, in turn, reinforces it.

Kephart did not mention imitation training in connection with his observation of the teaching process reveals that the teacher demonstrates a movement, e.g., raising the arm, in the course of which the child does so. While the amount of such imitation occurring during instruction has not been formally assessed, it seems most probable. And to the extent that it does occur and the learned procedure is generalized, it may lend itself to facilitating the acquisition of new skills when the child learns to shape his lips to make the \bar{o} sound from the teacher.

A fourth question deals with assessing a technique called Framework. Though many people spurn theoretical considerations as impractical, theory does, in fact, importantly contribute to the interpretation of behavior and, further, how we train or modify it. Different theories generate highly contradictory and incompatible results. For example, the motor training program of the Doman-Delacato method requires the child to pass through a sequence equivalent to the evolution of the motor patterns through which human antecedents passed. A case in point is that of a child with mental retardation who would not be permitted to practice walking or crawling until he passed through the amphibian stage of evolution. This stands in marked contrast with Kephart's training for mental retardation. Rather than rigidly prescribed "patterning," it is a changing series of activities that require novel adaptations.

to learn the necessary movements. Even passive, children may become more responsive to and interested as the result of such experience--another Kephart's training.

of Modeling and Imitation. In recent years the emphasis has been placed on the tremendously facilitating effect (Peterson et al, 1967 and Lovaas, et al, 1966). Once the child is imitating, it is no longer necessary to teach each new skill. Imitation, a process that he finds naturally (intrinsic), is not for the generalized imitateness of the infant, but is inhibitive difficult to train. To "shape" each of the sounds would be a ponderous task. Since imitation is a process, the teacher should assess the extent to which it is involved in each activity, in turn, develops it.

Imitation training in connection with A.S. However, research reveals that the teacher may frequently demonstrate the arm, in the course of instructing the child to imitate occurring during the course of A.S. When assessed, it seems most likely that it does occur. The learned propensity to imitate becomes a facilitating factor in the acquisition of other skills, as the child's lips make the "o" sound in imitation of his

With assessing a technique within a Theoretical program, turn theoretical considerations as "ivory tower" and do not, importantly contribute to how we view and how we train or modify it. Sometimes different contradictory and incompatible courses of action. For example, the Doman-Delacato program (Delacato, 1959) has a sequence equivalent to a Darwinian recapitulation through which human antecedents passed in the process of that of a child with highly impaired motor function, to practice walking or even cross-pattern, the amphibian stage of crawling. This program, Kephart's training for motor variability and generalization, described "patterning," Kephart provides a continuously changing program that require novel adaptations and adjustments on the

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part of the child. As Bateman perceptively noted, "All both Delacato and Kephart contain a large motor expression; this superficial resemblance reflects quite different rationales," (1964). Unfortunately, many teachers are of "resemblance" and feel that in selecting one or the other between approximately equivalent alternatives. This is

The theoretical basis of A.S. is related to the body image. Both are inferred internal processes or highly difficult to assess directly in terms of observable, measurable mental phenomena of a kind that people in operant. No one has ever seen laterality or body image and the measuring them often involve extraneous factors that obscure the element of artistic ability in figure drawing as a result. It follows that theoretical orientation influences what or how successful training. Fallacies in this area are numerous. A child's "figure-ground" perception on the Frostig test is similar to test items (Frostig and Horne, 1964). After the test is readministered, and the child attains a higher score as evidence of strengthened figure-ground perception. Is this another demonstration of the fact that children can be taught? And if a child who has taken the Frostig program receives instruction than previously, does the improvement have to do with figure-ground perception or is it, more simply, a function of increased frustration tolerance? On the other hand, if the child's willingness to remain seated, it might be for a very restricted purpose, one markedly different from that for a person to do the right thing despite a weak or questionable ability to do it. On the other hand, theory can also place one of a kind expressed in Delacato's strictures against exercise with a reading disability.

In Kephart's framework, A.S. is said to promote lateralization. In turn, is the basis of directionality, an awareness of direction in the environment. Therefore, laterality training is believed to promote directionality. Yet at this point, we lack solid scientific evidence in fact, occur. We must, therefore, accept on faith that lateral internal changes are taking place as the result of training. A behavioral payoff will eventually appear. Research evidence (Shotwell, 1969) is available to support the claim that lateralization. But, that it occurs as a function of the developmental process. Kephart, remains to be demonstrated.

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As Bateman perceptively noted, "Although the remedial programs of Kephart contain a large motor expression or motor activity component, the resemblance reflects quite different theoretical formulations and assumptions. Unfortunately, many teachers are deceived by the "superficial similarity" that in selecting one or the other program they are choosing between equivalent alternatives. This is not the case.

The theoretical basis of A.S. is related to the notions of "laterality" and "body image" as inferred internal processes or hypothetical constructs that are not directly in terms of observable, measurable events. They consist of a kind that people in operant conditioning totally reject. The concepts of laterality or body image and the traditional techniques for training involve extraneous factors that obscure interpretation such as the child's ability in figure drawing as a test of body image. It also includes the child's orientation influences what one accepts as evidence of success. Fallacies in this area are numerous, e.g., a teacher evaluates a child's "body" perception on the Frostig test and then trains with materials (Frostig and Horne, 1964). After a course of training the test child and the child attains a higher score which the teacher interprets as strengthened figure-ground perception. Or is it anything more than just a function of the fact that children can be trained to take a particular test? And who has taken the Frostig program responds better to reading? Obviously, does the improvement have anything to do with figure-ground perception? Is it, more simply, a function of a gross attention factor or a function of tolerance? On the other hand, if the Frostig program enhances the child's ability to remain seated, it might be worth retaining, albeit for a limited purpose, one markedly different from that "advertised." It is possible that the right thing despite a weak or questionable theoretical basis for it. On the other hand, theory can also place one in a procedural straight-jacket as in Delacato's strictures against exposure to music for the child's ability.

In this framework, A.S. is said to promote laterality. Laterality, in terms of directionality, an awareness of direction in the external environment, laterality training is believed to facilitate the acquisition of it. At this point, we lack solid scientific evidence that this does, but must, therefore, accept on faith Kephart's inference that certain behavior is taking place as the result of training and that a direct behavior will eventually appear. Research evidence (Edgar, Ball, McIntyre & others) is available to support the claim that a practical payoff accrues as a function of the developmental processes conceptualized by Kephart. b. demonstrated.

A fifth question deals with the time-honored problem of Training a child in one task or at one level may facilitate learning on another task or another level. For example, mastery of riding a bicycle greatly facilitates learning to maintain equilibrium. However, negative transfer can also occur, e.g., a skilled automobile driver experiences a temporary loss of competence in the course of adjusting to driving on the right side of the road in the United States. Right side training has a negative carry-over to driving on American roads.

Although the adherents of operant conditioning reject the idea of transfer and confine themselves to an objective level of observation, they often show a curious lack of concern for transfer effects. Montessori has greatly facilitated Montessori training through his Preparation of the Environment, an impressive accomplishment. Yet he did this without conscious regard for transfer of Montessori instruction for later learning. However, it is noted (Ball & Campbell, 1970) that Montessori cylinder block instruction facilitates an intellectual acquisition of the concept of conservation and the liquid transfer problem.

A sixth variable relates Subjective Factors, i.e., the child's esthetic preferences, ethical orientation and personality style, and ability to utilize a particular technique. While behavior is most readily to give rise to conflicts on this level, subjective factors are not amenable to any approach. With A.S. the teacher must directly exert control over the child's movements. She must be actively willing to overcome resistance from rigidity or negativism. Tender Loving Care must be tempered with firmness with children who are often quite physically handicapped, particularly those with cerebral palsy. Quite often it goes against the grain of many teachers to deal with children with sufficient firmness to work through such initial resistance. On the other hand, there are those so habitually authoritarian that they impose their approach to the child according to the changing circumstances of the situation.

Values also enter the picture in terms of the end products of the efforts, i.e., the kind of person one hopes to develop through the program. For example, is behavioral control established at the expense of spontaneity? A recent review of Ayllon and Azrin's already classic work on the issue that nowhere was provision made for reinforcing spontaneity emphasizes that the emphasis on spontaneity reflects a value judgment. Is it an "adjustment?" Should we attempt to attain it in retarded persons?

question deals with the time-honored problem of Transfer of Training. Can one task or at one level may facilitate the acquisition of skill at another level. For example, mastery of the problem of balance on a bicycle facilitates learning to maintain equilibrium on a motorcycle. But it can also occur, e.g., a skilled automobile driver from England experienced a loss of competence in the course of adjusting to the demands of driving on the right side of the road in the United States. His experience in left-hand driving was a negative carry-over to driving on American roads.

The adherents of operant conditioning reject hypothetical constructs and strive to an objective level of observation and assessment, they thus lack of concern for transfer effects. Lindsley, for example, stated Montessori training through his Precision Teaching approach--achievement. Yet he did this without considering the implications for instruction for later learning. However, it has recently been shown (1970) that Montessori cylinder block instruction may actually impede acquisition of the concept of conservation as measured by Piaget's problem.

Variable relates Subjective Factors, i.e., the teacher's value system, her attitudes, ethical orientation and personality style, to her willingness to utilize a particular technique. While behavioristic approaches seem to give rise to conflicts on this level, subjective factors can affect them. At A.S. the teacher must directly exert considerable control over the students. She must be actively willing to overcome resistance arising from negativism. Tender Loving Care must be tempered with a firm approach. They are often quite physically handicapped, passive and "helpless." This is against the grain of many teachers to deal with handicapped children with firmness to work through such initial rigidity. On the other hand, those so habitually authoritarian that they cannot temper or modify their approach to the child according to the changing circumstances of the training.

So enter the picture in terms of the end product of one's training: the kind of person one hopes to develop through a particular curriculum. Is behavioral control established at the expense of spontaneity? As Ayllon and Azrin's already classic work on token economy raised the question: where was provision made for reinforcing spontaneous behavior. Yet spontaneity reflects a value judgment. Is it an ingredient of optimal learning? Could we attempt to attain it in retarded persons?

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A seventh variable relates to the development of diverse training approaches could be related and integrated on a common-denominator. It represents an attempt to identify training through highly diverse and seemingly contradictory approaches. In the book Itard, Seguin, and Kephart, drawing on the Model of the very direct relationship between techniques developed between 1850 and recent developments in the field of operant conditioning is illustrated. Also, with the model of escape-avoidance conditioning, direct relationships between historic (Itard and Seguin), temporary (Lovaas' and Kephart's) training techniques and operant conditioning (exemplified by Lovaas' and Kephart) approaches have been shown. The field of behaviorism, by exaggerated theoretical differences and neologisms, is in need of parsimonious organizing principles highlighting similarities rather than difference.

An awareness of the multiple implications of behaviorism is needed in more sophisticated programming. For example, in sensitive communication (understanding speech) through a behaviorist approach and oriented to this single objective, why not teach a self-help skill program? In so doing, one stone is thrown and come out ahead in regard to cost-benefit.

Descriptive categories such as self-help skills, sensory-motor skills and communication are completely different, but is justifiable on the grounds of convenience and utility. As sensory-motor, but it is also personal-social, and receptive communication is also involved. A specific example of this fact can be found in the results of a study by Young, moderately retarded children were trained with the Sensory-Motor Training program. As expected, the experimental group showed significantly higher scores on the Motor Skill Schedule of the Gesell. This was also noted on the Language and Personal-Social Schedules of training.

The eighth question deals with the possibility of activity within the framework of behavioristic (or behaviorist) training. When applied to A.S., this might involve the utilization of more powerful reinforcers than Kephart customarily employs. For example,

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theoretical differences and neologistic terminologies, is desperately
simonious organizing principles highlighting areas of commonality
fference.

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ticated programming. For example, instead of directly training recep-
tion (understanding speech) through a program specifically designed
o this single objective, why not teach it incidental to the Bensberg-
self-help skill program? In so doing one might kill two birds with
come out ahead in regard to cost-benefit analysis.

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skills and communication are completely arbitrary although their use
on the grounds of convenience and utility. A.S. might be classified
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be found in the results of a study by Edgar, et al (1969) in which
ely retarded children were trained with an adaptation of Kephart's
training program. As expected, the experimental group gained signif-
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language and Personal-Social Schedules, areas that were not the focus

ghth question deals with the possibilities of restructuring a program
thin the framework of behavioristic (operant conditioning) methodology.
A.S., this might involve the utilization of a wider range of rein-
kephart customarily employs. For example, learning might be accelerated

in an unresponsive child by introducing food reinforcement by successive approximations. On the other hand, objection to the utility and advisability of such adaptations. Kephart be taught within an operant conditioning framework but argue probably just as efficient. Also, he feels his own approach to the development of voluntary control in the child. These are settled by empirical studies. Yet they merit careful consideration.

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tions. On the other hand, objections might be raised regarding
ility of such adaptations. Kephart agrees that such tasks can
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A Format for Reviewing Criterion Variables

"Communication" is a term commonly objective. In this conference, participant term, e.g., Communication (Word Association). They then proceeded to develop relevant practical need delineated by each subcategory. of time, money and effort, it is important with communication. And to the extent that communication skills, they should be carefully label and tease out the practical implications.

In the following table, some program approaches to the training of receptive communication is an example of a direct, behavioristic approach, commonly labeled as such. The Bensberg-Colwell program primarily devised for another purpose, an important incidental payoff for one phase. This fact takes on great significance in the profound level of retardation priority of commands so that the child can be brought to talk is less critical than for the mild under verbal control, he urgently needs to dressing, feeding and toileting. And since under verbal control while focusing on self simultaneously with considerable economy of

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on" is a term commonly used by teachers to define an instructional conference, participants defined various subcategories of this ation (Word Association) and Communication (Receptive Understanding). to develop relevant programs dealing directly with the instruc- ed by each subcategory. However, from the standpoint of economy effort, it is important to note that many programs indirectly deal And to the extent that they can be used effectively to promote , they should be carefully evaluated. We must look beyond the the practical implications of what is actually taught to the child.

wing table, some programs that constitute both direct and indirect aining of receptive communication are classified. Lovaas' program direct, behavioristic approach to language training and it is for- h. The Bensberg-Colwell program is an excellent example of a pro- ed for another purpose, that is, self-help skill training, but with tal payoff for one phase of communication, i.e., receptive speech. reat significance in planning for children below IQ 20. Thus, at f retardation priority should be given to developing comprehension the child can be brought under verbal control (follow verbal instruc- apacity for symbolization is limited, the development of the ability ical than for the mildly retarded. Along with the need to bring him , he urgently needs to acquire basic self-help skills, especially id toileting. And since the Bensberg-Colwell program places the child while focusing on self-help skills, it achieves both objectives considerable economy of time, effort and money.

Table
Training Approaches

Direct			Indirect (Incidental Result)		
Theoretical Orientation			Theoretical Orientation		
<u>Behavioristic</u> Lovaas Burl Gray	<u>Cognitive</u>	<u>Eclectic</u> Peabody	<u>Behavioristic</u> Bensberg- Colwell (Self- Help Skills)	<u>Cognitive</u> Kephart Sensory- Motor Training	<u>Eclectic</u>

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